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Turkey Joins Peace Front

Paris, To-day.
AN Anglo-Turkish guarantee pact was concluded yesterday, it is stated at the French Foreign Office.

No further information is available, and it is not known whether the pact will be announced in the form of a single Anglo-Franco-Turkish agreement or in the form of two separate agreements between Turkey and France and Turkey and Britain.

It is confirmed, however, that the question of the Sanjak of Alexandretta will be the subject of a separate treaty. — Trans-Ocean.

FULLEST AGREEMENT

London, To-day.
"The Times" diplomatic correspondent writes that there is felt to be a chance of an Anglo-Turkish agreement being announced in the House of Commons this afternoon unless an unexpected hitch in detail occurs.

Among the British, Turkish and French Governments there is the fullest agreement about the scope and contents of the agreement; it covers mutual defence in the Mediterranean and the Balkans wherever Turkish interests are involved. — Reuter.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO-DAY

LONDON, TO-DAY.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CONCLUSION OF AN ANGLO-TURKISH AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE MADE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THIS MORNING.

In Parliamentary circles it is expected that the accord will be similar to the Anglo-Polish Agreement.

However, it is not likely that the Prime Minister will be able to reveal more than the main outlines.

Berlin, To-day.
The speeches made yesterday by Mr. Neville Chamberlain and the French Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, have been received with "cool reserve" in Nazi political circles.

The standpoint is taken that the pronouncements were intended for home consumption and were designed to justify the great arms expenditure in Britain and France.

Mr. Chamberlain's declaration on Danzig is answered with the observation that in Berlin there is no disposition to discuss Danzig at all, "since beyond any shadow of doubt, Danzig is German."

The Nazis refuse to connect Danzig with Poland's sovereignty and independence.

If Britain wants to interfere, say the Nazis, Germany will take note of the fact, "but this interference is neither a contribution to peace nor an expression of Britain's neutrality." — Trans-Ocean.

POLISH SEND ARTILLERY TO GYDNIA

Danzig, To-day.

The Polish garrison at the port of Gydnia, about 10 miles from Danzig, has been reinforced by artillery units.

Two batteries of field artillery from Gydnia were unloaded at Gydnia station yesterday. — Trans-Ocean.

LEAGUE TALK

Paris, To-day.

The French paper, "Le Soir" says that the Committee of Three for the Free City of Danzig will meet at Geneva during the League Council session.

MUNICH IS FINISHED

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THERE WAS KEEN DISCUSSION IN THE CHAMBER YESTERDAY FOLLOWING M. DALADIER'S STATEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY.

The Communist deputy, M. Peri emphasised that the Munich policy is finished and must be abandoned. Long drawn out negotiations are no longer in order; it is time to act.

No more journeys dare be made to Munich, Berchtesgaden, or to the Vatican City for the purpose of altering the map of Europe. — Trans-Ocean.

Pope Given Assurances?

London, To-day.

"The Times" diplomatic correspondent says he understands that the Pope will not proceed at present with his plan for issuing an appeal to Britain, France, Germany, Poland and Italy for settlement of the German-Polish and Franco-Italian disputes.

Apparently His Holiness has received assurances from Germany and Italy. — Reuter.

DELIBERATE WARNING TO EGYPT

Rome, To-day.

"A deliberate warning to Egypt," Rome political quarters call the statement which Air Marshal Balbo, Governor of Libya, made to a Cairo newspaper before he left Egypt for Tripolis.

The Marshal warned that "anti-Italian propaganda" in Egypt "might easily affect the old Italo-Egyptian friendship and considerably impair our relations." — Trans-Ocean.

FIVE EXPLOSIONS IN MANCHESTER

Manchester, To-day.

Five explosions shook buildings in the centre of the city last night. Shop windows were shattered but no-one was injured.

In each case the explosions are thought to have originated in a letter-box gelignite being used. — Reuter.

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GERMAN FOOD SHORTAGE

Daily Market Disputes: Grumbling Women Arrested

Prices Rocket In Berlin

Rocketing prices and acute shortage of food-stuffs in Berlin are now giving rise daily to angry scenes in the public markets.

Violent disputes constantly take place between wholesalers and small retailers, and between the retailers and housewives who come to the stalls and do their marketing.

In most cases the disputes are due to shortage of fats, meat and other foodstuffs. In others they are on account of what is known as "couple selling."

This practice is strictly forbidden under police orders, which prescribe heavy penalties for contravention. It consists of refusing to sell commodities of which there is a shortage unless the purchaser also buys goods which he does not want and for which there is no demand.

Small traders who wish to buy bananas or oranges, which are at present extremely rare in Germany,

cannot do so unless they also take large quantities of spinach, cabbages, turnips and carrots. These frequently rot before they can be disposed of.

BOYCOTT FEAR

Many street traders have been forced by this practice to give up the sale of fruit altogether.

Retailers who were asked why they did not lodge complaints with the police when they were faced with "couple selling" replied that if they did so they would be boycotted by the wholesalers in every Berlin market.

GERMAN TECHNICIANS NEAR GIB.

More than 100 German technicians who are responsible for planning the fortifications which now encircle Gibraltar were entertained to a dinner at the Hotel Cristina in Algeciras recently by Spanish Nationalist engineers and Army officers.

The Germans later left for Cartagena, the Spanish naval base.

It is reported that they will now plan fortifications for Spain's Mediterranean coastline.

CONSCRIPTION BILL IN COMMITTEE

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday the Military Training Bill was further considered in committee.

For the second week in succession the business of the House next week will consist entirely of measures relating to defence, military or civil.—British Wireless.

OFFICIAL RECEIVER HAD HARD LIFE IN 1938

"NO LARGE INSOLVENCIES" CAUSED A DIFFERENCE OF \$16,763.14 IN THE AMOUNT RECEIVED AS OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S COMMISSION DURING 1938; RECEIPTS FROM THIS SOURCE OF \$20,000 WERE ESTIMATED, BUT THE ACTUAL AMOUNT RECEIVED WAS ONLY \$6,236.86.

Largely due to the increased population, receipts from the Betting and Sweeps Tax and the Entertainment Tax showed substantial increases over the amounts originally estimated in the budget. Bigger sweeps also helped the former tax.

It was originally estimated that a total of about \$120,000 would be received from the Bets and Sweeps Tax and \$225,000 from the Entertainment Tax. The actual amounts received were \$238,274.89, an increase of \$118,274.89, and \$320,027.86, an increase of \$95,027.86, respectively.

As result of the Legislative Council's resolution on December 15, 1937, under the Betting Duty Ordinance of 1931 to change the rate of duties from a sliding scale to a fixed rate of 2 per cent, with effect from April 1, 1938, an additional sum of \$18,479.62 accreted to revenue.

REFUSED TO DEFEND HIS BROTHER

Hobbling into court on crutches, General Aranguren-Roldan faced a court-martial at Barcelona.

The general, who was Commander of the Barcelona Forces when the Franco movement started in July, 1936, was sentenced to death.

THE "CRIME"

His crime, it was alleged, was that he had ordered the Civil Guard to fight against the Spanish Army at the beginning of the war—thus impeding the rapid incorporation of Barcelona into Franco Spain.

It was also alleged, that he had given evidence against two Franco officers who were executed by Republicans.

The General's own brother — a lieutenant-colonel in Franco's army — refused to defend him.

It was left to a second lieutenant of the military legal department to plead — unsuccessfully — the extreme penalty might be avoided.

To-day being the anniversary of the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI, all ships of the Fleet are dressed in honour of the occasion.

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INCREASED EXPANSION OF R.A.F.: STRENGTH SECRET

Rapid Growth Of British Plane Industry

German Output Exceeded Soon

There is good reason to think that the Air Ministry is now engaged on a programme which will provide a far greater number of first line air-craft than any expansion scheme yet announced.

No official statement regarding this revised programme has yet been made, and it is quite possible that none will be made. Henceforth, there may be no means of judging the progress of our air rearmament other than by the increase in the number of our squadrons.

It is even conceivable that the Air Ministry may cease to publish the meagre information, as to the total number of our operational squadrons, which is contained in the April Air Force List.

Policy concerning publicity of information about the R.A.F. must be swayed by two conflicting considerations.

On the one hand, it may be felt that revelation of our true strength will merely have the effect of stimulating other countries to greater efforts. On the other, it is apparent that our Air Force cannot constitute a deterrent against aggression if its real strength and striking power are greatly underestimated.

MAKING OTHER NATIONS GUESS

The Air Staff may believe that the balance of advantage lies in allowing other countries to guess, rather than to know, our true air strength.

The April Air Force List reveals that we have 125 operational squadrons at home, including 20 Auxiliary Air Force squadrons. This is two squadrons more than the number, 123, required for the fulfilment of the 1936 programme of 1,750 first line aircraft at home by March, 1939.

The 1938 programme, due for completion in March, 1940, aimed at providing about 3,500 first line machines at home and abroad, including the Fleet Air Arm: that is, 200 more than the R. A. F. possessed at the time of the Armistice in 1918.

The magnitude of the effort thereby involved can be better gauged when it is realised that 20,000 to 80,000 manhours are expended to-day on the production of a military aeroplane, whereas only about 2,000 were required during 1914-1918.

OLD PROGRAMME INADEQUATE

But the programme announced in May, 1938, was designed to produce only 2,370 first line machines in by March, 1940. It now seems wholly inadequate in face of the developments that have since taken place and the strength of the German Air Force which is, to-day probably double that number.

That the 1938 scheme would be expanded and accelerated has been announced on several occasions. But the only official intimation of how this is to be achieved is the statement that our fighter strength

will be raised by 30 per cent. and the reserves of our counter-offensive bombing force will also be increased.

Undoubtedly, a large proportion of the machines turned out by the factories has been used to replace obsolete types. But the rate of aircraft production in England during recent months has increased by leaps and bounds.

It is already comparable to, and may shortly exceed, the estimated productive capacity of German aircraft factories.

Since recruiting for the R. A. F. has also been most satisfactory during the past year, we should now be in a position to fix a far higher limit to the number of operational squadrons that we intend to provide in England.

NEEDS OF EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

There is every reason why we should do this. We cannot secure the maximum advantage from this greatly increased productive capacity unless the British aircraft industry is in a position to plan, well in advance, for the maximum number of air-frames and aero engines now required.

The international outlook has seriously deteriorated, and Germany's potential air strength has been greatly increased by the elimination of the Air Force of Czechoslovakia, the taking over of large quantities of air material, and the acquisition of important armament factories.

The Government has decided to increase considerably the strength of the Territorial Army, and to provide a large expeditionary force.

That force will need about 25 army co-operation squadrons which were not allowed for in the 1938 programme. To ensure its safe passage overseas, and to protect its base, it will also require a large number of operational squadrons suited for dealing with enemy aircraft.

These, also, were not provided for under the 1938 scheme. They can now be obtained only by drawing upon the squadrons formerly considered essential for home defence in days when we were not contemplating the despatch of a large field force to the Continent.

BALBO RETURNS TO LIBYA

Cairo, To-day.

Air Marshal Balbo, Governor of Libya, left Cairo for Libya yesterday.

A Cairo newspaper publishes a denial by the Egyptian Premier of reports of alleged negotiations for an Italo-Egyptian pact of amity.

The statement issued by the Egyptian Premier says that Marshal Balbo's visit was purely private.—Trans-Ocean.

NEWSPAPERMEN ARRESTED

Chungking, To-day.

Several Chinese newspaper correspondents, including Chinese newspapermen attached to the United Press, have been arrested by the local authorities.

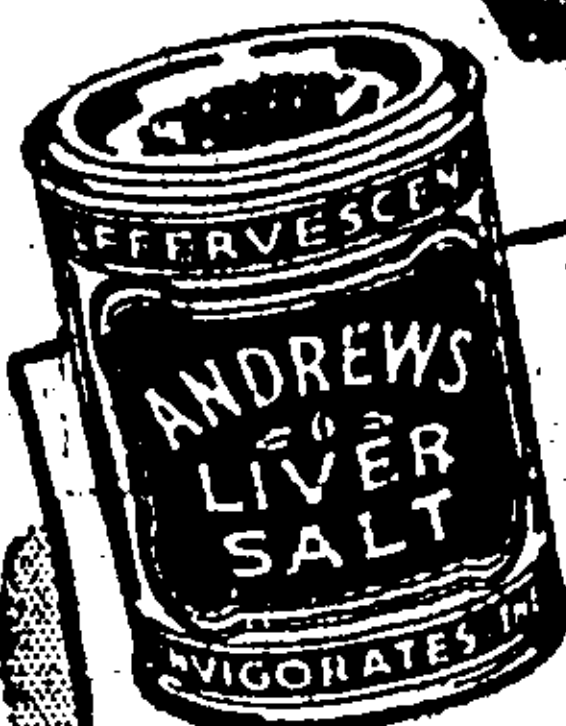
They are being held on a charge of alleged espionage, having sent out certain information of strategic value to the Japanese.

It is stated that Mr. R. P. Martin, Special Correspondent for the United Press, was also arrested but later released.—Our Own Correspondent.

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**BUILDING A NEW CHINA
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London, To-day.

MR. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador, speaking at the annual dinner of the School of Oriental and African Studies last night, said:

**FOREIGNERS
STILL HELD
IN TOKYO**

Tokyo, To-day.

Both Baron Marcel Baeyens and Father Raphael Collard, both Belgian subjects, are held in detention by the Tokyo Police on charges to do with "currency matters."

It is revealed that Father Collard was arrested on April 18 and Baron Baeyens was taken into custody on April 20.

Baron Baeyens had returned from a trip to Shanghai, arriving at Yokohama by the Empress of Canada. Several days later, his apprehension by the Tokyo police became known when the Belgian 'Charge d'Affaires', M. Pierre Forthomme, was notified.

Since then, Baron Baeyens has been held in the Akasaka Police Station, where a secretary of the Belgian Embassy has been permitted to see him. He reports that he found the Baron in poor health. Baron Baeyens, who is close on 70 years of age, has been in failing health for a number of years.

FATHER OF DIPLOMAT

He came to Japan four years ago to visit his son, Baron James Baeyens, then secretary in the French Embassy here and now Second Secretary of the French Embassy in Washington.

In response to inquiries to the police and Foreign Office, M. Forthomme was informed that Baron Baeyens is being held on a "currency matter."

No indication has been given by the authorities as to how long he will be kept under examination or what course of action will be taken.

Father Collard has been engaged in missionary work in the Japanese Empire for six years. He resides in Tokyo. He is 37 years old and is connected with the Society of Missionaries in Paris.—Reuter.

**GAVE HIMSELF UP
AFTER ATTACK ON
WIFE'S LOVER**

An alleged jealousy-chopper attack in Yaumati on Wednesday night had a sequel this morning before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, when Yim Chun-mau, 37, was charged with wounding Ng Wai-sang, in Austin Road.

Det-Sgt. J. Johnston asked for a 72-hour remand as complainant was still in hospital.

The incident was alleged to have occurred as a result of the complainant having taken away defendant's wife. After the incident, the defendant voluntarily gave himself up at Yaumati Police Station.

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CHINA WITHIN CHINA

From the national standpoint, Mr. Quo stated, China is building "a China within China", by developing the South-West provinces with outlets by way of Burma, Indo-China and Russia.

"These developments will bring China into more direct neighbourly relations with the rest of Asia than probably would have been the case for generations."—Reuter.

**CHINESE STILL
ATTACKING
AT NANCHANG**

Changsha, To-day.

Chinese troops are still concentrating attacks on Nanchang.

The Chinese are active on a wide area around the city stretching to Hsiangtang to the south, Wanshoukung and Tacheng to the southwest, Wanchiafow and Changkungtu to the northwest and along the Kan River to the east.

A bitter engagement took place yesterday near Lohwa, nine miles north of Nanchang on the Nanchang-Kiukiang Railway. Chinese vanguards driving toward Lohwa encountered a combined Japanese infantry and cavalry unit.

Fighting has also been going on at Anyi, about 20 miles northwest of Nanchang. Japanese reinforcements have been rushed there while the Chinese are firmly entrenched at Tiger Hill outside the city.—Central News.

**FASCISTS AND
CONCORDAT**

Rome, To-day.

"The measures for protection of the Italian race, and for defence of the Italian people in the biological, religious and political spheres, have not seriously disturbed the agreement between Church and State," declared the Home Minister yesterday.

The Concordat therefore remains as before the basis of Italian Church policy.—Trans-Ocean.

**OCTOGENARIAN
ARMY OFFICER
PASSES**

London, To-day.

Major-General J. C. Swann, late Indian Army, died to-day at the age of 83.

He served in China during the Boxer Rising in 1900, being mentioned in despatches and receiving the Boxer Medal with clasps.—Reuter.

BRITAIN NEAR PACT WITH TURKEY

London, To-day.
Britain and Turkey have reached complete agreement on all matters of principle, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

As France is working for a similar or identical agreement, it is possible the pact may be tri-partite. — Reuter.

COAL BUNKER FIRE ON BRITISH STEAMER

Shanghai, To-day.

The British steamer Harmattan, belonging to J. C. Harrison & Co., caught fire in Shanghai harbour yesterday.

The fire followed four days' battling by the officers and crew of an earlier outbreak which occurred in one of the holds while the ship was on the high seas from Shanghai to Colombo.

The harbour fire brigade quickly extinguished the flames.

The first fire had been put out as the ship was nearing Shanghai. The Harmattan was chartered by Jardine's and carried a cargo of 7,000 tons of coal.

The damage is described as slight. — Reuter.

ANOTHER CRUDE INVENTION

London, To-day.

Reports purporting to emanate from Jerusalem have been circulated by certain foreign news services which allege serious unrest amongst the population of Trans-Jordan and in the Trans-Jordan army, and speak of the despatch of 5,000 British troops from Egypt to Trans-Jordan to quell disorders there which are attributed to the population's dissatisfaction with the attitude of the Trans-Jordan Government in relation to Palestine.

It can be confidently stated there is no truth in reports of serious unrest in Trans-Jordan, where the people are living in peace and quiet under their own Government.

In well-informed quarters here the entire story is characterised as a crude invention. — British Wire-

HONG KONG'S PAYMENTS FOR DEFENCE

The distribution for defence requirements of the total expenditure for the past five years has grown consistently larger, a survey of the period from 1934 to 1938 (both inclusive), reveals.

While in 1934, defence requirements absorbed 16.76 per cent of the expenditure and dropped to as low as 15.08 per cent in 1936, the figure last year was 19.40 per cent, representing the largest single distribution of any portion of the total expenditure.

On the other hand, the Public Works Department figures have showed an almost equal consistency in dropping.

In 1934, the proportions for the Public Works Department, Public Works Recurrent and Public Works Extraordinary were 7.40 per cent., 5.40 per cent and 12.15 per cent respectively; last year, the respective figures were 5.95, 4.87 and 5.11 per cent respectively.

Pensions played a larger part in the expenditure for 1938—7.23 per cent, as compared with 1934's 5.61 per cent., and so did the Medical Department, with 6.48 per cent as compared with 1934's 4.83 per cent.

NEW VALUATION OF HONG KONG TENEMENTS

The total rateable value of the island of Hong Kong (including Aplichau), Kowloon and New Kowloon on December 31, 1938, was \$36,120,381, reports the Assessor, as compared with \$34,700,389 on December 31, 1937. This represents an increase of \$1,419,992 or 4.09 per cent. during 1938.

A new valuation of tenements was carried out during the year, being completed by April 29, 1938. As a result of this, an increase of \$1,293,888—or 3.78 per cent—over the rateable value obtained by the 1937 re-valuation was obtained. The greatest increase over the previous year was noted in villages in Hong Kong; 7.17 per cent, Kowloon coming second with an increase of 5.37 per cent.

Net revenue from rates in 1938 was \$5,987,126.31, as compared with 1937's figure of \$5,914,066.49, an increase of \$73,059.82.

Although it cannot be directly compared with the increase in revenue owing to a preponderance of early or late payments and other varying factors, refund of rates in respect of vacant tenements, assessments cancelled and tenements not rateable amounted to \$52,788.89, a decrease of \$75,350.80 over 1937's figure of \$128,138.69.

Throughout the year, refunds of rates were granted for vacant floors of tenements where the owners had elected at the last revaluation to obtain this concession.

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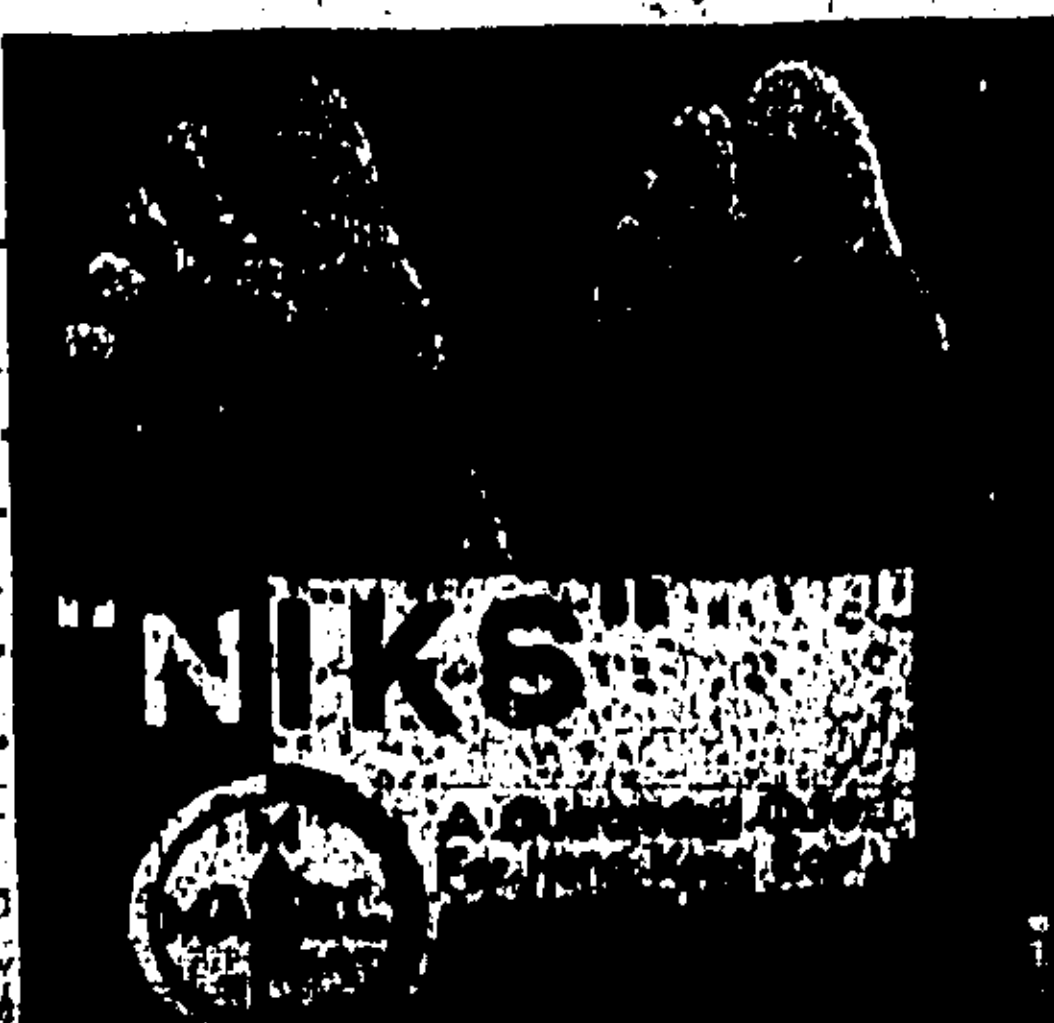
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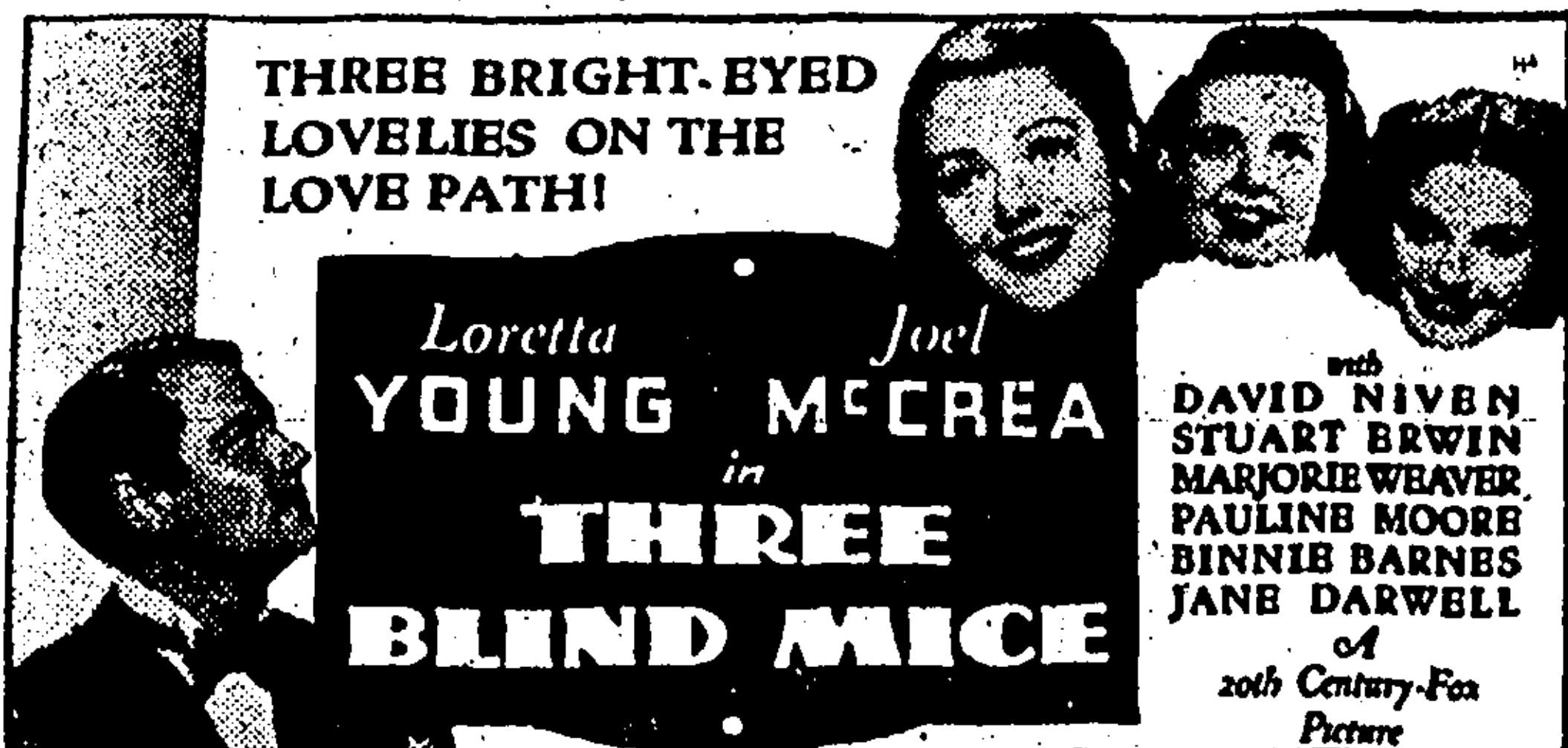
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terday.

Our position at about midday was 350 miles south-
east of Cape Race, Newfoundland. The sea was
then still and only a faint wind was stirring.

The King went for a brisk walk on the promenade
deck in a grey lounge suit undeterred by the
cold and mist.

Admiral Dudley North told Reuter: "The expected has happened,
but despite the gale on Wednesday, we are still many hours in hand
and the fog will lift when the wind changes."

By three in the afternoon the
liner had spent over eight hours
at a standstill as result of the fog,
but it was emphasised that she
still had plenty of time in hand to
enable her to arrive on schedule.

CINEMA SHOW

Their Majesties attended a
cinema show, mainly devoted to
Imperial travel films, in the after-
noon.

Several films were of Canadian
life, including documentaries on
Vancouver, Toronto and Banff.

At the Queen's invitation all the
ship's crew not on duty attended.
— Reuter.

SHARP FALL IN TEMPERATURE

Temperature dropped during
the night to 70 degrees, compar-
ed with a maximum yesterday of
81 degrees. The thermometer
this morning read 75 degrees,
with humidity at 64 per cent.

The Royal Observatory reports
that a weak anticyclone covers the
Pacific to the east of the Bonins and
pressure is high over the Yangtse
Valley. The depression is moving
north-eastward to the south of
Hokkaido.

A line of discontinuity extends
from central Indo-China, across
Formosa to south-west Japan.

A shallow depression is situated
to the east of Formosa, probably
moving north-east.

Local forecast: North-West to
north-east winds, moderate, fair at
first, cloudy, probably some rain
later.

DECISION ON GUIANA PLAN EXPECTED

London, To-day.

The British Government's deci-
sion with regard to the Report
published on Wednesday of the
committee which has been inves-
tigating the possibility of Jewish
settlement in British Guiana, will
be announced by Mr. Neville
Chamberlain to-day, according to
Lord Winterton, Chairman of the

FIVE MILLION EXPORT CREDIT FOR RUMANIA

London, To-day.

The successful conclusion of the
Anglo-Rumanian trade negotia-
tion was announced in the Commons
yesterday by the President of the
Board of Trade, who intimated
that the agreement provided
£5,000,000 in export credit guar-
antees for Rumania.

Mr. Oliver Stanley said: "The
discussions which had been taking
place between the Royal Rumanian
Government and the British com-
mercial mission have been success-
fully concluded, and a protocol
has been signed to-day at
Bucharest."

"The protocol provides for a
number of measures to be taken
for promotion of trade between the
two countries primarily through
normal commercial channel."

TRADING ORGANISATION

"It envisages the formation of a
trading organisation to promote
Anglo-Rumanian trade. It out-
lines various amendments in the
present payments agreement for
the same purpose."

"It also provides for guarantee
facilities to the amount of £5,000,-
000 to be made available to the
Royal Rumanian Government for
purchase of United Kingdom goods."

WHEAT PURCHASE

"His Majesty's Government will
purchase for Government stocks
200,000 tons of Rumanian wheat
from the next harvest, if available
at world prices."

"The text will be published in
both countries to-morrow (Friday).
Formal instruments necessary to
give effect to these arrangements
will be drawn up in London, and
a Rumanian delegation will leave
for London as soon as possible."
— British Wireless.

committee last evening.
Lord Winterton declared that
the suitability of Northern Rho-
desia, the Dominican Republic and
the Philippines for similar schemes
was now under examination, and
that the reports of the special
committees charged with the task
were to be expected by the end of
the summer. — Trans-Ocean.

NAZI TACTICS OF PLAYING ON NERVES

Official Danzig Journal Issues New "Warning"

"CITY BELONGS BY RIGHT TO REICH"

Danzig, To-day.

"For a strong Germany which is prepared for any marching orders, whatever they may be, the rattling of Polish swords is a trifle until the day arrives when patience and self-restraint come to an end in the face of Polish arrogance."

"How long can that last? German policy sometimes reaches very swift decisions, which are very accurately carried out."

This "warning" appeared yesterday in the "Danziger Vorposten," which is closely connected with the authorities, and the statement can therefore be taken as an official Nazi declaration.

The paper says that any attempt by Britain to bring about a compromise solution in Danzig would be unacceptable to Germany, since British interference "in such a perfectly clear question," must be considered inadmissible.

"BY RIGHT"

The paper says Col. Beck's speech did not indicate any satisfactory basis for negotiations and consequently the next step is up to Poland. "Such a step will have to take into account the fact that Danzig belongs by right to the Reich."

The journal warns: "Poland, by mobilising her troops and organising military demonstrations along the German frontier, is playing with fire and is assuming grave risks for herself"—Trans-Ocean.

ALLEGED TROOP CONCENTRATIONS

London, To-day.

Several Polish papers give prominence to reports of German troop movements, paying special attention to reported concentrations in the vicinity of Brno, the capital of Moravia.

Meanwhile, several more Germans have been expelled from border districts for insults to the Polish State.—Reuter Bulletin.

FUNDAMENTAL AGREEMENT

London, To-day.

The "Evening Standard" reports that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, called on Lord Halifax yesterday at the Foreign Office and clarified to a greater extent the Soviet attitude.

The paper declares that the Soviet and Britain are now in fundamental agreement.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. R. P. Morris, of the General Post Office, was this morning fined \$5 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest when he pleaded guilty to exceeding the speed limit in Queen's Road East on April 22.

FRAUD GANG ROUNDED-UP

Mahjong sets thieves who worked as a gang, were convicted this morning, when charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, with obtaining mahjong sets by false pretences.

Seven were accused.

Huen Wing, 19, was sentenced to six months' hard labour, on three charges of aiding and abetting larceny.

Chan Choi, 19, was sentenced to three months' for obtaining mahjong sets by false pretences.

Li Chung, 18, was sentenced to 8 months' for aiding and abetting larceny.

Lo Kwong, 21, Chan Tak-po, 18, Ko Kwan-sang, 23, and Lau Choi, 34, were sentenced to 18 weeks' hard labour each, for aiding and abetting.

All were recommended for banishment.

Det. Sergeant T. Cashman told the Court that over 20 sets of mahjong had been obtained by the gang, but no trace of them could be found. Defendants also used a 12-year-old boy to work with them. They visited houses, and described themselves as instructed by mahjong shops to collect sets.

INVASION OF CHUNGSHAN FEARED

Macao, To-day.

Chinese troops in the Chungshan district are preparing to resist a Japanese invasion, which it is anticipated will take place in the next few days as result of the alleged concentration of warships and troopships at various points on the coast.

It is believed the attack will probably be launched after the end of a meeting of the Japanese Military Council in Canton, scheduled for to-day.—Reuter.

FULL POWERS FOR POLISH PRESIDENT

Warsaw, To-day.

The Senate yesterday passed the Bill empowering the President to rule by decree until the next ordinary meeting of Parliament. The decree confers on the President extraordinary financial powers for defence.—Reuter.

DOG-BITE COSTS MISTRESS \$10

Miss M. Glendenning, of No. 7 Fung Wong Terrace, was summoned before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, for allowing her dog abroad without a muzzle on April 24.

Sergeant McKay said that a small boy was bitten by the dog outside the house.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Pun Kai-shing, of No. 5 Spring Garden Lane, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence.

A Chinese constable said that the dog was tied inside the back door of the house. Mr. M. A. da Silva told the Court that the dog was left behind by a friend. It was only 2½ months' old.

Defendant was fined \$2.

GERMANY AND OLYMPICS

Helsinki, To-day.

Germany will send a team of between 300 and 400 athletes to the

ANNOYED BY HOOTS: UNABLE TO PROVE CASE

"There is no evidence at all and I have to dismiss the summons," said Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning to Mr. A. E. Hamson, of No. 3, York Road, who appeared as complainant in connection with a summons issued against his opposite neighbour, Mr. Kwai Lun-wong, for using motor horn unnecessarily or in a manner calculated to cause public annoyance, at York Road at 9.30 p.m. on April 20.

Answering Mr. Macfadyen, Mr. Hamson said he could not remember the approximate time of the use of the horn by defendant. He said that he heard constantly a motor horn outside his residence. He had warned defendant on several previous occasions but he did not take down the car's number on April 20 when he was disturbed by the horn although, on the following morning, he reported the matter to Traffic Inspector Brittain.

Mr. Macfadyen pointed out that he could not take "previous warning to defendant" into consideration and he had to dismiss the summons.

Olympic Games of 1940, declared the business manager of the German Committee, Dr. Jensch, yesterday. He estimated that between 20,000 and 25,000 German visitors would make the trip to Finland.—Trans-Ocean.

British Pavilion Being Opened By Mr. Hudson

New York, To-day.

The British Pavilion, the largest and one of the most striking of the many costly foreign exhibits at the New York World's Fair, is to be formally opened to-day.

To mark the occasion, Mr. R. S. Hudson, British Secretary for Overseas Trade, will present on behalf of the City of London a silver gift rose-leaf bowl, to Mayor La Guardia of New York.

The Pavilion, which is the largest Britain has ever contributed to an international exhibition, occupies a dominating position.

It contains a copy of Magna Charta enclosed in a bullet-proof, burglar-proof and fire-proof case, guarded day and night and insured for \$100,000.

It also contains George Washing-

ton's family tree showing that he was descended from King John, and replicas of the crown jewels, besides models of British towns and photographs showing the life and work of the peoples of the British Empire.

The band of the Coldstream Guards is giving concerts in the garden of the pavilion.—Reuter.



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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

TITLE HOLDER

Sue didn't intend to go on pretending she was anyone but herself. The idea had appealed to her at first as a lark, inspired no doubt by the cocksure attitude of the rather handsome young man who had come strolling along the beach and paused to watch her execute a swan dive from the pier's end.

"You broke it a little too soon before hitting the water," he told her seriously when she had climbed the ladder back to the pier. "You should hold it until the very last."

"Indeed?" said Sue. She flushed, not from embarrassment, but from the knowledge that the last she knew she held title to the Eastern Coast women's diving Championship. And if things went well she would retain that championship at the forthcoming meet to be held at the Spray Club in two weeks. It was because of the meet that she had come to Florida, and was now living with her friends, the Lamonts, far up the coast and away from everyone. It gave her a chance to polish off her form in privacy.

"Indeed?" she repeated. "Perhaps you can tell me how it should be done." Her voice was tempered with sarcasm, which fact the young man ignored completely.

"Glad to." And for the next fifteen minutes Sue listened to about as silly a description of swan dive as she'd ever heard. She didn't know whether

It's a deal! I've always wanted a crack at fame and fortune."

"But why?" asked Mario Lamont, "are you doing it, darling?"

"Because," said Sue, "this Hal Esson youth knows too much for his own good. He's too rich. He's too conceited. By the time he's thirty he'll find he's too old to get some fun out of life. He needs to be laughed at. Won't," she added delightedly, "he be an astonished young man when I'm introduced at the meet as the Eastern champion?"

"I'm practically hysterical thinking about it," said Marie.

It was a lovely plan and probably would have done young Mr. Esson a lot of good. He appeared on the pier every day and Sue listened attentively to his advice and then made an attempt to follow it. Day by day she appeared to improve, and Mr. Esson seemed very gratified.

"The smug, conceited nitwit," Sue thought. Aloud she said: "You must come up to the house and meet my friends. They're dying to meet you." "Delighted," said Mr. Esson, quite as though he could understand the Lamont's viewpoint.

So the four of them had dinner together, then Sue and Hal went walking in the moonlight, and suddenly Sue wished she hadn't pretended. She

By Barbara Ann Benedict

to be angry or amused. When he said patronizingly: "Go on; try it now," she chose the latter course. It really was funny, and the young man was really serious. She executed the dive, purposely making a botch of it. He shook his head sadly. "You keep trying I think you've got something there."

"Thanks," said Sue, restraining an effort to laugh. "Come around tomorrow and give me another lesson." "I'll do that," he replied, to her astonishment. "Name of Esson. Hal Esson. Possibly you've heard of me."

"Who," asked Sue of Marie Lamont when she returned to the house, "is Hal Esson?"

Marie reflected. Dana, her husband, grinned. "So that's who the guy was down on the pier? Honey, you sure pick yourself sugar daddies. Hal Esson is worth an easy two millions. He's only twenty-seven and he made every dime of it himself. Believe it or not he's a promoter. Promotes everything from prize fights to cock fights. Smart boy."

That explained a lot. It explained Hal Esson's cocksureness. And it explained, conceivably, his interest in her. She didn't mention the startling thought that had occurred to her until after she had talked to Hal Esson the next day.

"Look," he said, "after giving her a book account of how a front somersault should be executed, 'I know ability when I see it. You've got something, baby, and you're hiding your light under a bushel. Now listen: there's a swimming meet coming off down here soon. How about letting me groom you as an entry? We'll keep it a secret. I'll do all the arranging; you do the diving. We'll split the first prize money.'"

"Well, well, well!" said Sue. She appeared to consider. "O.K., pal.

tried to fight against this thought, but it persisted. And the annoying part, the very annoying part, was that she had discovered qualities in Mr. Esson besides conceit and vanity and smugness. He was, by and large, a very likable young man.

There was, however, no getting out of it now. To admit her deceit would make things rather complicated. She'd have to go through with the business and hope that Mr. Esson was broad-minded enough to see the humour of it.

There were three days remaining before the meet. Hal gave her her final instructions, looking at her gravely and making her wonder why he seemed so strange. She decided it was she and not he who was strange, which was more disconcerting than ever.

The night before the meet she cried herself to sleep. The next morning she rode down to the Spray Club with the Lamonts, resolved to tell him everything, sparing him the humiliation. But he wasn't there to meet her. He didn't show up at all. Instead a messenger came bearing a note: "Dearest," the note read, "I can't go through with it. I'm sorry, but I've fallen in love with you. I know it would break your heart if you lose and you would hate me, I'm going to be honest with you. I've been hearing about this girl Sue Harris. I'm afraid she's better than you. Does that sound disloyal? Please try to understand."

The multitude of fans who had come to watch Sue Harris retain her title were disappointed and astonished when it was announced she had defaulted. Hal Esson was astonished and pleased, because it proved the one thing he wanted to know.

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Soviet's Position Made Plain In Inspired Article

PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY INSISTED ON

Moscow, To-day.

It is believed that the Soviet reply to the last British proposals — which may already have been presented in London — corresponds practically to the contents of an article in the newspaper "Izvestia" yesterday.

The article says that Hitler's Reichstag speech denouncing the Anglo-German Naval Treaty and the German-Polish Non-Aggression Pact, and the German and Italian decision to conclude a military alliance, have considerably changed the international situation.

The paper says that Moscow's view is that the German-Italian Alliance is directed primarily against Britain and France.

The paper refers to "malicious allegations" that the Soviet, in the negotiations with London and Paris, demanded a direct military alliance. These rumours, it says, are "absurd and misleading."

The Soviet Government view, says the paper, is that if Britain and France really desired to create a barrier against aggression in Europe, a solid front should be formed by mutual assistance pacts between Britain, France, the Soviet and Poland, or at least between Britain, France and the Soviet.

NO RECIPROCITY

These three powers, linked by assistance pacts on a reciprocity basis, could then guarantee other States in Central and Eastern Europe which were threatened by aggression.

Britain and France, however, says the paper, had not shown any sympathy for this scheme.

Britain wanted the Soviet to help Britain and France if the latter were involved in war through their guarantees for Poland and Rumania.

The British proposals, however, according to the journal, did not mention the question of assistance which the Soviet would receive on a reciprocity basis if the Soviet was compelled to take military action in fulfilment of guarantee of the pledges given to Eastern European States.

NOT TRUE

It was not true, says the paper, that Britain and France would, when defending Poland or Rumania, be defending also the western frontier of the Soviet from a tactical viewpoint.

The Soviet's western frontier was covered not only by Poland and Rumania, and Britain and France would be defending not the Soviet but themselves, when defending Poland or Rumania.

The Soviet, which has no assistance pacts with Britain, France or Poland, should pledge itself to help these three States, without receiving assistance from anyone, so that in the event of an attack upon itself, would have to rely solely on its own forces.

RECIPROCITY WANTED

Without real reciprocity it would be impossible to establish genuine co-operation, says the organ, re-

SOVIET'S TURN TO PRESIDE AT LEAGUE SESSION

London, To-day.

Postponement of the meeting of the League Council, is due to the fact that it is the turn of the Russian member to preside, and the Soviet Government desired more time to allow their representative to reach Geneva.

In the past M. Litvinov has generally attended Council meetings in person, and it is likely that if M. Molotoff, who has taken charge of the Commissariat of Foreign Affairs following M. Litvinov's resignation, cannot himself leave Moscow, the Soviet Government would wish the Assistant Commissar, M. Potemkin, who has just returned to Moscow from a tour of the Eastern capitals, including Angora and Warsaw, to represent them at the Council.

M. Maisky called on Lord Halifax yesterday, and it is surmised that the purpose of the Soviet Ambassador's call was to solicit the British Government's interest in favour of postponement of the meeting.

M. MOLOTOFF WOULD BE WELCOMED

In replies to supplementary questions in the Commons in the last few days, the Prime Minister has made it clear that the Foreign Secretary would welcome an opportunity of personal exchange with M. Molotoff at Geneva, where M. Bonnet will represent the French Government.

Such a meeting and conversations at first hand could not fail to be of advantage to that vigorous prosecution of negotiations between London, Moscow and Paris on East European security questions which the Prime Minister's statements in the Commons have shown it is the desire of the British Government to effect.—British Wireless.

Referring to Mr. Chamberlain's declaration in the House of Commons on Wednesday.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE TRADE VISIT TO RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.
Count Kano, prominent Japanese economic expert, arrived here yesterday to conduct trade talks with the Rumanian Government.—Trans-Ocean.

YAUMATI FERRY INCIDENT

Stating that they were under the impression that no tickets need be bought to sell things aboard the H.K. and Y. Ferries between 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. four Chinese pleaded not guilty to a charge of attempting to evade ferry fares.

Inspector T. J. Whelan, prosecuting, stated of the four, three were hawkers, and one a shop foki. Two said that they had gone to the wharf to deliver goods to their masters who had permits to sell aboard the ferries. One pleaded that he went as a substitute for a friend who had a license.

Inspector Li Waw, for the Ferry Company, stated that a district watchman arrested them when they entered the third class gate without buying a ticket. Enquiries showed that the men were all foks and had not boarded, but were standing at the wharf waiting for the ferry to arrive.

Two were discharged. The other two, who admitted that they had gone to board the ferry for the purpose of selling things, were each fined \$8.

Personal Geneva Contacts

Geneva, To-day.

It is learned that the League Council meeting due, to be held on May 15, has been definitely postponed for a week.

Idea is to enable Russia to be represented by the Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Potemkin, who will thus have an opportunity to converse with the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet.—Reuter.

It is felt that the League meeting would enable the removal by means of personal conversations the obstacles in way of Soviet support to the Anglo-French guarantees. Much hope is put on the talks and there is confidence that the deputy Foreign Affairs Commissar, Potemkin, would be given full powers to conclude a pact defining the degree of Soviet assistance.—Trans-Ocean.

SPEECHES TO BE CENSORED

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinese speech-makers are to submit copies of speeches beforehand, for censorship, to the S.M.C. It is, however, pointed out, that speeches containing no political material, are exempted.—Our Own Correspondent.

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PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Troubled though these times may seem to be, the objectives of the genuine seeker after international peace are the same and have the same vitality about them as when sought under calmer diplomatic skies and amid sunnier circumstances. It is helpful to keep these goals in view, to remember that justice is the only lasting basis for peace, that there must be respect for international law and order and that recognition of world-wide kinship and mutual interest will eventually enforce these demands.

The events that are taking shape in Europe seem only dimly if at all to shadow forth an expression of justice. And certainly the means employed in the game of diplomatic and military chess are less than the ideal methods of honourable, fair and uncoerced negotiation among peoples. Yet the pattern of order must be established in order to provide security for justice.

To that end millions have applauded the recent decisions of Great Britain and France to help defend any nation that may find itself threatened by what it considers an aggressive effort to "dominate the world by force." This must surely be welcomed by many who feel a deep friendship for the German people and believe there still is room for some international adjustments in their favour. The rule of order can only be successfully defended if it is followed by efforts to see and to do justice.

Momentarily nations seek safety or strength in armaments and alliances. Armaments still seem necessary in this human scheme of things. A concert of nations may help enforce worthy standards of international practice. But armaments should be instruments, not the ultimate arbiters; alliances are snares if based only on an exchange of selfish national advantages. The prophets of Biblical times repeatedly reminded their people not to put their trust in princes, in horses and chariots or the bow and the sword—types of the alliances and armaments of that period.

To say definitively and with assurance on every detail exactly what is justice in the present turbulent world situation is beyond the wisdom of any human being. But all can hold with faith to the standard of equitable treatment for the aspirations and interests of all peoples.

"The Curse Causeless"

While at the outposts of civilisation persons may still be found throwing salt over the left shoulder, or wearing a spider in a nutshell around the neck, or embroidering eyes on their children's shoes to spy out and ward off evil influences, progress is fast freeing the world from belief in

the ability to curse.

"Egyptologists," reports Science Service, "take no stock in curses." The passing of Howard Carter many years after his spectacular entry into the tomb of King Tut-ankh-Amen has led to the exposure of a legendary curse around which the superstitious built a pyramid of circumstance. It all appears to have developed from the loss of Mr. Carter's pet canary, for the curse inscription supposed to have existed on the limestone walls has never been located, and, according to Herbert Winlock, an Egyptologist of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the press made the most of the incident.

The cobra that got the canary evidently led a poetic native, remembering the form of the Pharaoh's headdress, to remark, "The serpent from the crown of the King has eaten the Golden Bird. Bad luck will follow." The legend circulated thereafter employed a non-existent inscription, "Death shall come on swift wings to him that toucheth the tomb of the Pharaoh."

Thin stuff for the writer of melodrama, but reassuring to those who prefer the scriptural promise:

"As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come."

Mexico's Oil Flows

Slowly

Negotiations have at least made appreciable some headway toward a settlement of the controversy over Mexican oil expropriations.

The experience of the Mexican Government in attempting to operate the wells, refineries and distributing plants has not been very encouraging. Reduced production has meant reduced tax revenues for the Cardenas socialising regime. Efforts to sell the oil elsewhere than to Britain and America have placed Mexican radical labour in the ironical position of contributing support to dictator-ruled countries, Germany, Italy, Japan—a course which Vincente Lombardo Toledano, leader of the C. T. M., or General Confederation of Mexican Workers, recognises cannot be reconciled with the worker's distaste for Fascism or with Fascism's treatment of labour organisations.

The partially formulated basis of agreement between the Government and the companies contemplates that the companies shall resume management for a term of fifty years, under responsibility to the Government. With in this time they are to compensate themselves for their investments and ultimately turn over to the nation the remaining underground wealth in accordance with the Mexican Constitution of 1917. The nub has been whether the Government or the companies shall exercise the major control during this period and an acceptable solution seems now likely to be found.

To some this nationalisation of resources may seem odious at any time. Certainly confiscation without compensation could never have been justified. But many Latin-American oil concessions have been gained by devious methods and with less than the claimed investment. The method now proposed for extinguishing those claims has a parallel in the arrangement occasionally made whereby a steel firm erects a bridge and collects a toll for crossing it until the bridge is paid for and then turns it over to the state.

MOOD OF FIRM, FIXED RESOLVE

Any Use Of Force Would Find Britain Involved

"ALTHOUGH WE SHOULD BE GLAD TO SEE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN POLAND AND GERMANY AMICABLY SETTLED BY DISCUSSION, AND ALTHOUGH WE THINK THEY COULD AND SHOULD BE SO SETTLED, IF AN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO CHANGE THE SITUATION BY FORCE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO THREATEN POLISH INDEPENDENCE, THEN THAT WOULD INEVITABLY START A GENERAL CONFLICT IN WHICH THIS COUNTRY WOULD BE INVOLVED."

This clear statement of British policy was made by the Prime Minister, who described Britain's commitments to Poland as clear and concise, when addressing 8,000 women Conservatives at the Royal Albert Hall yesterday.

Referring to the events of the past twelve months, Mr. Chamberlain said: "We have been through the whole gamut of emotions, until now the people have settled down into a mood of firm and fixed resolve."

"Confident in our strength, clear in conscience that we have done all that man could do to preserve peace and convinced of the rightness and unselfishness of our aims, we are, however, as ready as ever to listen to the views of others, but are determined not to submit to dictation."

"Nothing would induce us to enter a war unless we were absolutely convinced it could not be avoided without sacrificing our liberties and our good name."

GERMAN ACTIONS

"It has never been part of British policy to be meddlesome busybodies, interfering with other people's concerns."

"As for Germany's actions, Britain is not necessarily concerned with them so long as they seek to promote the interests of Germans without threatening the independence of non-German countries."

Mr. Chamberlain added that it had never entered our thoughts to isolate Germany or stand in the way of the natural and legitimate expansion of her trade in Central and South-Eastern Europe, still less to plan some combination against her with the idea of war upon her.

Any suggestion of that kind was simply fantastic. It was not believed anywhere outside Germany.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS

Mr. Chamberlain quoted Hitler's speech regarding the Anglo-German Naval Treaty.

He said: "I want to make a firm and definite assertion that so far as we are concerned the basis of the Treaty has not been removed. On the contrary, it remains our most earnest desire that our two peoples will never go to war with one another again."

Mr. Chamberlain said he believed that desire to be as firm as ever among both peoples, and he was convinced that the peoples expected their Governments so to arrange their relations with one another that no question of war between them should arise.

Mr. Chamberlain further quoted Hitler as saying he hoped they

might avoid an armaments race between Germany and England, and that he would be ready to negotiate on naval questions.

Mr. Chamberlain said the Government would give most careful consideration to that statement, and in due course would send a reply to the German Government.

SHAKEN CONFIDENCE

"But let me say here and now that neither in armaments nor in economics do we desire to enter into unbridled competition with Germany."

"We would not refuse to enter into discussion of methods for increase of our mutual trade, or for improvement of economic conditions, but only if unmistakable signs can be given us of a desire to restore that confidence which has been so severely shaken."

"I want to make it equally plain that we are not prepared to stand by and see the independence of one country after another destroyed."

"It is because there can be no rest and no security in Europe until the nations are convinced that no such attempt is contemplated that we have given assurances to Poland, Rumania and Greece."

RUSSIAN NEGOTIATIONS

"For the same purpose of calming and stabilising the situation we entered upon conversations with other countries, particularly Russia and Turkey."

"These conversations are proceeding, and I only say it is the earnest hope and desire of the Government that they be brought to an early and successful conclusion, and that in this way the cause of peace may be still further buttressed."

"In many minds the danger spot of Europe to-day is Danzig, while our assurances to Poland are clear and concise."

"Although we should be glad to see the differences between Poland and Germany amicably settled by discussion, and although we think they could and should be so settled, if an attempt is made to change the situation by force in such a way as to threaten Polish independence, then that would inevitably start a general conflict in which this country would be involved."

GERMAN RESPONSE

Berlin, To-day.

First response to the Chamberlain speech is that in Berlin there is no disposition to discuss the Danzig question at all since "beyond all shadow of doubt Danzig is German."

— Trans-Ocean.

CONSCRIPTION DECISION

Referring to conscription, Mr. Chamberlain dealt with the feeling of doubt in some Continental countries as to the seriousness of Britain's intentions.

"We have found this feeling so strong that it is actually jeopardising the success of the policy of trying to build up a peace front."

"It would be a frightful thing if Europe was plunged into war on account of a misunderstanding."

"The attitude of the Labour Party on the conscription question is singularly unfortunate."

"I am satisfied that the Labour Party does not represent in this matter the people for whom it professes to speak."

RELIEF NEEDED

Mr. Chamberlain continued: "If only we could get a little relief from international tension there are many indications that we might see a great expansion of trade and prosperity which would benefit every nation in the world."

"The power of restoring confidence does not lie in our hands alone, but so long as I am where I am, I shall continue to hope and spare no effort to bring it back."

DEADLY MISTAKE

Mr. Chamberlain said he had had an opportunity the previous day of exchanging a few words with M. Leon Blum (ex-French Premier), who said that in his view and in the view of all his Socialist friends, there was only one danger of war in Europe, and that was a very real one.

It was that the impression should get about that Britain and France were not in earnest, and could not be relied upon to keep their promises.

If that were so, said Mr. Chamberlain, no more deadly mistake could be made. It would be a frightful thing if Europe were to be plunged into war on account of a misunderstanding.—Reuter.

DEADLOCK ENDED

New York, To-day.

Mr. J. R. Steeman, Federal mediator in the coal strike, has issued a statement that in so far as the public is concerned, the deadlock is over.—Reuter.

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M. DALADIER STATES POLICY:

"Participation Of Russia Essentially Desirable"

COMMON ACTION IN INTERESTS OF PEACE

Paris, To-day.

"France is determined as long as necessary to resist all tests aimed at weakening her moral resistance," declared the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, in the course of an important statement in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday.

M. Daladier added that Anglo-French solidarity was closer and more confident than ever, and it remained the basis of French policy.

They would not allow it to be weakened by intrigue or by odious lying propaganda.

"We consider the participation of Soviet Russia in the common work of mutual assistance as essentially desirable.

"The Franco-Soviet Pact of 1935, which remains in force, shows that the pursuit and maintenance of the Soviet's participation on an equal and reciprocal footing, forms one of the fundamental ideas of our diplomatic action."

M. Daladier added that if certain divergencies still existed regarding the form of agreement between the British, Soviet and French Governments, there had been from the beginning of the conversations, agreement on fundamental matters, namely on the necessity of safeguarding the higher interests of peace by common action.

SAFEGUARDING NATION

After stating that France was working for the conclusion of a guarantee agreement with Turkey, with the object of ensuring peace in the Eastern Mediterranean, M. Daladier referred to national defence.

He said they were not thinking of reducing military measures but rather reinforcing them if, beyond the French frontiers, certain massive mobilisations were maintained.

For 1939 alone they must devote over 50 milliards of francs to safeguarding the nation.

"Some people hope that France, invincible when united, might allow herself to become demoralised by the alternation of threats and promises of peace," he said.

NOR FORCE NOR RUSE

"If they desire a just and equitable peace we are ready to make it. If a blow is aimed at peace, they will have a taste of the weight of our arms."

"If they are trying to weary us out between peace and war, the necessary time is on our hands."

"Neither force nor ruse can do anything against France."—Reuter.

TREATY WITH TURKEY

Referring to the Polish question, M. Daladier declared: "In connection with the visit of Colonel Beck to London and the pact of mutual guarantee undertaken by Great Britain and Poland, we took the necessary steps for an immediate and direct fulfilment of our treaty obligations to Poland."

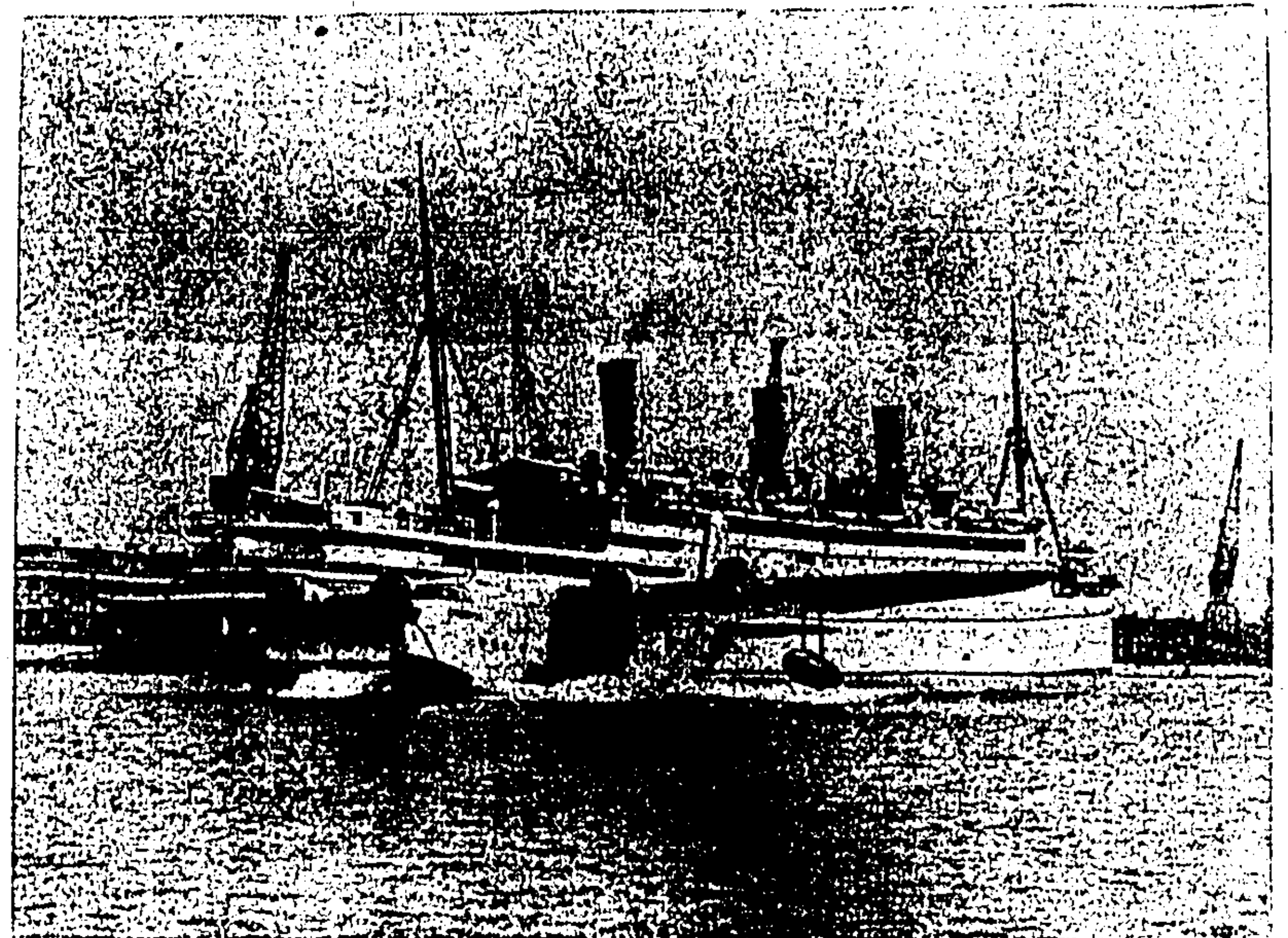
These declarations attain their entire significance at the moment that Poland is obliged to defend her vital interests."

France is now negotiating a treaty with Turkey, he went on to declare, which is designed to preserve peace in the eastern Mediterranean. In an indirect allusion to the Sanjak of Alexandretta and Syria, he declared, "We also desire to regulate the problem with Turkey which has stood between us for a considerable length of time." — Trans-Ocean.

U.S. SEEKS TRADE PACT WITH POLAND

Washington, To-day.

The State Department announces that exploratory conversations have begun between the United States and Poland for a trade agreement. — Reuter.



TIES OF EMPIRE.—One journey over, another about to begin. Imperial Airways' 21-ton service flying boat, "Champion", home with passengers and mails from India and Australia, taxis to her berth at Southampton docks as wisps of smoke curl from the funnels of the "Empress of Australia" now bound for Canada with the King and Queen. Air-liner, as well as liner, is destined for the New World as "Champion" has been chosen to operate Imperial Airways' New York-Bermuda service.

LORD PLYMOUTH RESIGNS FOR HEALTH REASON

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that for reasons of health, Lord Plymouth, one of the two Under-Secretaries for Foreign Affairs, has resigned.

Lord Plymouth is to undergo an immediate period of rest and treatment.

It is considered unlikely that a successor to Lord Plymouth will be appointed.

The practice of having an Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in each House was convenient when there was no Foreign Secretary in

DR WEIZMANN IN DOWNING STREET

London, To-day.

Dr. Weizmann, head of the Jewish Agency, had an interview with the Prime Minister and Mr. Malcolm Macdonald at the House of Commons last evening.—British Wireless.

Dr. Weizmann arrived by air from Palestine on the announcement of intention to publish the British Plan for Palestine in a White Paper. He is protesting against the proposals on behalf of the Palestinian Arabs.

the Lords, but with Lord Halifax now in the upper chamber and Mr. R. A. Butler in the Commons, the appointment of a second Under-Secretary may be unnecessary. — Reuter.

France Unshakably Resolved.--Pres. Lebrun

Paris, To-day.

President Lebrun in a message to Parliament which was read in the Senate and Chamber yesterday afternoon recalled that he had always remained within the constitutional limits assigned to the President of the Republic and with the valuable cooperation of Parliament had sought to facilitate unfettered working of the constitution.

After stating that he had hoped to relinquish his post at the close of the statutory period of seven years, the President observed that he had been requested to present himself for re-election to demonstrate the unity of France to the whole world and he had been unable to refuse this appeal to his sense of duty.

After thanking the National Assembly for the honour conferred on him, the President went on to say that the future was still uncertain. A great voice from across the

Atlantic had recently reminded the free peace-loving nations which respected the liberties of the smaller States and the sanctity of treaties to form an alliance capable of guaranteeing the principles of international law.

France claimed a place in this concert of peaceful powers to which she was prepared to give loyal and unstinted assistance.

At the same time, France was unshakably resolved to defend her rights in the world and to shrink from no sacrifices in order to assert them. France faced the future full of confidence, based on the strength of the French fighting forces on land, sea and in the air as well as on the infinitely varied resources of the French Empire which extended to three continents, on the achievements of French culture and on the solidity of friendships she had formed throughout the world, notably with Great Britain.—Trans-Ocean.

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"POISON THE SEA" PLAN TO PROTECT BRITISH SHIPS

Meet the man who wants to poison the sea! He is Dr. W. R. G. Atkins, an official of the Marine Biological Station at Plymouth, who sponsors a scheme to combat marine growths on the hulls of ships.

SUCH GROWTH AFFECT THE SPEED AND THE LENGTH OF LIFE OF ALL SEA-GOING CRAFT, FROM GIANT LINERS TO SMALL COASTERS AND EVEN MOTOR-BOATS.

Dr. Atkins thinks that attack is better, than defence in dealing with marine growths and that it is advisable to supplement the action of protective methods on the hulls of ships by dealing with marine life in the waters in which ships are anchored.

steel and the damage done entirely differs.

DUTCH AUTHORITIES are investigating three reported cases of German military aeroplanes flying about Dutch military positions during the past few days.

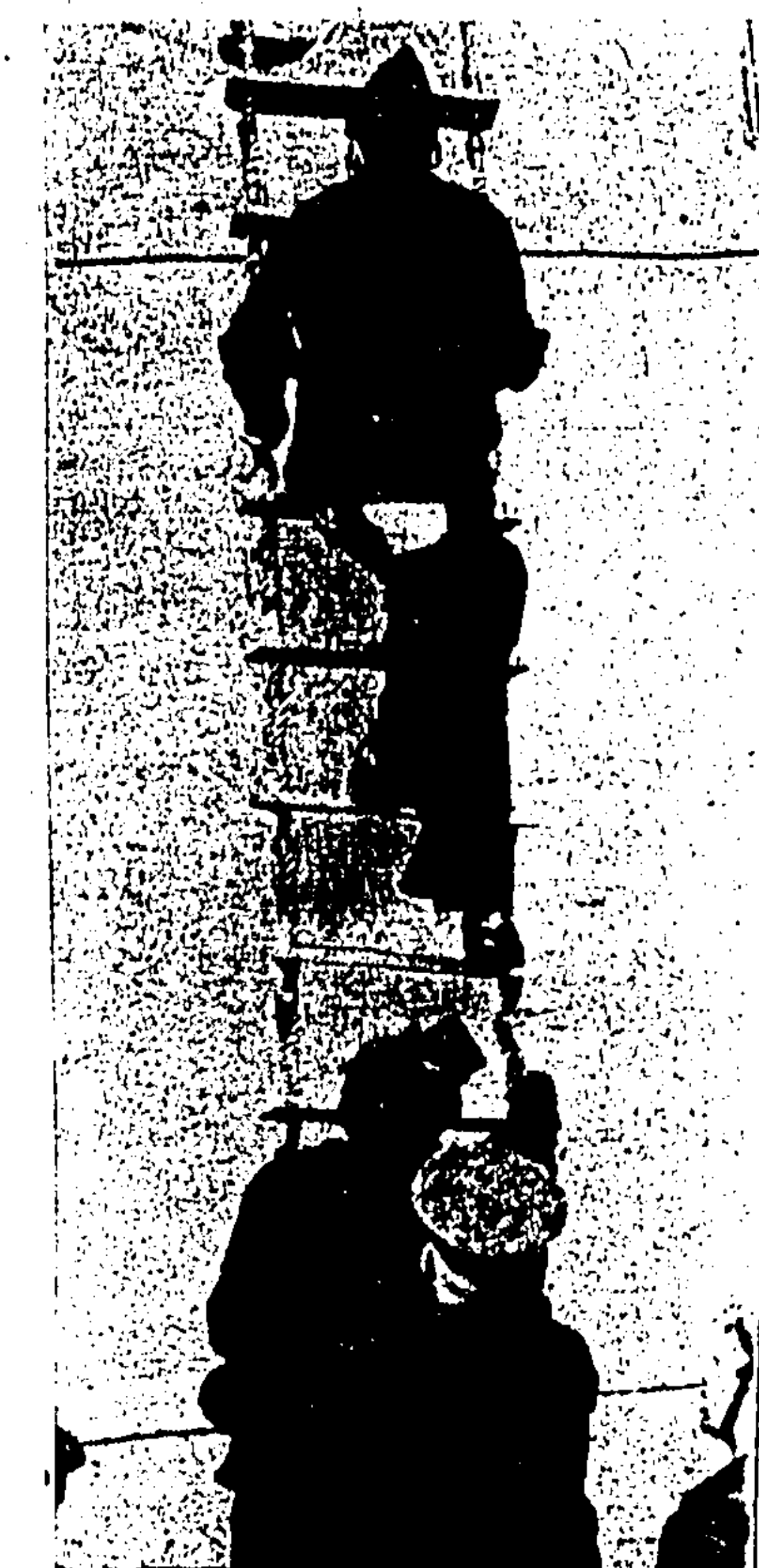
FOOD VALUES in relation to war are expected to form a feature of the B.M.A. National Nutrition Conference in London.

60 YEARS OF SPENDING

The following table shows the fluctuations of British expenditure over a period of nearly sixty years.

1880-1881	£80,939,000
1900-1901 (S. Afr. War)	£193,332,000
1913-1914	£197,493,000
1914-1915 (Great War)	£560,474,000
1915-1916 (Great War)	£1,559,158,000
1916-1917 (Great War)	£2,198,113,000
1917-1918 (Great War)	£2,696,221,000
1918-1919	£2,579,301,000
1919-1920	£1,665,773,000
1920-1921	£1,195,428,000
1922-1923	£812,497,000
1923-1924	£788,840,000
1924-1925	£795,777,000
1925-1926	£826,100,000
1926-1927	£842,395,000
1927-1928	£838,585,000
1928-1929	£818,141,000
1930-1931	£799,170,946
1931-1932 (2 Budgets)	£770,599,000
1932-1933	£777,070,000
1933-1934	£693,419,000
1934-1935	£688,879,000
1936-1937	£802,886,000
1937-1938	£847,024,000
1938-1939	£944,398,000

THREE MILLION CHILDREN under five years of age are the only section of the population now without respirator protection against bomb gas.



THE "BLACK SQUAD" HAS A DIRTY DAY.—The Navy has gone over to oil fuel but the young sailors of the training ship "Warspite" at Grays, Essex, still know what it means to "coal ship". It's a day when everybody wears old clothes and gets thoroughly hot and begrimed, and everything gets black with coal dust. Old clothes are worn so perhaps we can overlook the rent in the pants of this young sailor man as he does his share.

SHELTERS of bricks or concrete to hold several families are being planned by Sir John Anderson's Defence Department for the homes in industrial towns that have no gardens.

THE RIVER PATROL SERVICE organised by the Port of London Authority as an air raid precaution held their first exercise on the Thames on April 23.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH EXPERTS are undertaking the revision of evacuation areas in the light of representations made by local authorities.



A home-made petrol pump in the shape of a lighthouse with a lady attendant to serve the petrol is a novelty which greets motorists at Lalestone, near Bridgend, Glam.

ESCAPE BY WIDTH OF BASKET

A Chinese woman escaped death by the width of a 12-inch-basket at noon yesterday.

When she was crossing Queen's Road West near the Tai Ping Theatre, a motor-bus proceeding from East to West, suddenly skidded and crashed into a motor-lorry.

The woman narrowly escaped being sandwiched the basket which she was carrying being caught between the two cars.

RESERVED OCCUPATIONS COMB-OUT. We are soon to have, it is understood, a drastic comb-out of the original list of war-time reserved occupations.

Nothing but ridicule has been poured on that extraordinary catalogue, and to-day the position of three million men out of the four million and a half between the ages of 18 and 35 is being revised.

THE DRAFT OF THE PROVISION CODE giving the standard requirements for the protection of persons working in factories and commercial buildings has been issued from the office of the Lord Privy Seal.

INCREASED DUTIES FOR THE REGULARS. Conscription will have two big effects. It will cause increase activity in the building trade, since new barracks and drill halls must be built, and it will increase the duties of the Regular Army.

Duties of the Regular Army are now, mainly, four:—(1) To preserve the peace in many places overseas; (2) to form the spearhead of a British Expeditionary Force; (3) to provide instructors for the Territorial Army; and (4) to supply a training cadre for the new conscript army.

THE WAR OFFICE announces that the King has approved the reformation of the 2nd Battalion, Irish Guards, and the creation of a 2nd Battalion Welsh Guards.



MY HAT!—Once the hiding place of pirates who terrorized the Spanish Main, Nassau, the beautiful tropical island under the British flag is now a fashionable resort for those who like to sun themselves on the coral beaches. Photo shows that hats are not merely worn on the head in Nassau.

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FOR the first time in his seven years phenomenal rule Herr Adolf Hitler was forced to announce on April 28 to the Reichstag a failure instead of another victory. He had to admit the failure of his efforts to maintain good relations with Great Britain, although in his Mein Kampf he demands good relations with the British Empire as a condition of his success in the rest of the world.

He also admitted his failure in exploiting the Anglo-Polish Pact to his own advantage, although when he concluded the 10-year pact with Poland in 1934, this was considered his major diplomatic achievement. For fifteen years the Republican post-War Germany agitated for the return of the colonies and Polish-German relations were continuously strained. Hitler at once turned round the wheel of German diplomacy when he came to terms with the Poles. Thereby, his flank was released from danger and he could proceed to denounce the League, to remilitarise the Rhine, to occupy Austria, to gain the Sudetenland, to annex Bohemia and Moravia, and finally to force Lithuania into handing over Memel.

ON THE RUN

It would be wrong to say that Hitler is not ready to negotiate. On the contrary his speech revealed more clearly than ever that he is on

BY "MERCURY"

the run for the first time since January 30, 1933, when he assumed power in Germany. For, although he denounces the Naval Pact with Britain, he is anxious to resume talks with Britain for a new agreement. He broke the Polish-German pact and admitted that he got a blunt refusal from Poland for his demands. Nevertheless he is still ready to talk to the Poles.

Even President Roosevelt, who was subject to a fortnight's terrific bombardment by German propaganda guns, got off fairly lightly and with an offer to continue talks. This is vastly different language from what Adolf Hitler used in September when he used the diplomacy of "unless you agree we will march."

This time there were no ultimatums and the denunciation of the two pacts was followed by a number of opportunities for opening the door.

The logical sequence of events indicates that Adolf Hitler as a world

power reached his climax during the six months following the Munich agreement, but began to decline in March when he took Czecho-Slovakia and thereby aroused the suspicion of the British Prime Minister, who was under the impression that Hitler was his good and reliable friend.

TWO WRONG PREMISES

The secret history of the last days clearly shows that Hitler, like so many of his predecessors, is the victim of bad counsel. The mystic powers of his personality, his un-failing instinct and blind determination to idolise Germany, are undoubtedly something unusual in world history. Admittedly he is one of the most outstanding figures in Europe to-day. (One wireless announcer on the Continent estimated that, although he spoke in the middle of the day, Hitler had an audience of 400,000,000 people). But his genius, fast approaching a debacle, is now basing his actions on two wrong premises which will ultimately cause his downfall:—

1. Counsel on Foreign Affairs. This is Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop who is to-day Hitler's personal adviser on British affairs. Ribbentrop may have been right about Britain's attitude last September, but it was wrong for him to deduce, from that, general rules which would be applicable in all dealings with the British Empire. It is known from reports behind the facade of Anglo-German relations that the sudden introduction of conscription in Britain was due to the snub the British Ambassador received last week from the German Foreign Minister.

Sir Neville Henderson was sent back to Berlin with the best intentions. He was to inform the German Government that no further anti-German diplomatic move would be made by the British Government if Herr Hitler disclosed a compromising attitude on the Roosevelt initiative. It is said in Berlin that Hitler was ready to receive the British Ambassador, but that Ribbentrop prevented the meeting.

Consequently the British Government was forced to take an immediate step which would not be misunderstood in Berlin. This step was taken with the result that on Thursday morning Herr Hitler made important alterations in his speech, inserting the many references to his readiness to talk. Thus, his diplomatic prestige was lowered as a result of Ribbentrop's blundering action. The British neatly turned the snub against the man who snubbed them.

PROPAGANDA

2. Counsel on Propaganda. This is in the hands of Dr. Joseph Goebbels



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Yesterday

No. 23

PROBLEMATICS By ERN SHAW

SPADE WORK

I dealt out all the 13 SPADES to 7 players

JACK - 11, QUEEN - 12, KING - 13

ONE PLAYER - HEID 4 PIPS

6 14 16 22

TWO PLAYERS

WHAT WORDS ARE THESE

SPADE - H - B - ED

MOVE ONE COIN AT A TIME TO AN EMPTY SQUARE, THE IDEA IS TO REVERSE POSITIONS OF THE HEADS AND TAILS TAILS MUST MOVE RIGHT HEADS MUST MOVE LEFT COINS CAN BE JUMPED. Solve in 15 moves.

CAN YOU DIVIDE

THIS SHAPE INTO 4 PIECES THE SAME SIZE AND SHAPE

HOW FAR IS IT?

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ALTON - FENBY IS 74 MILES

ALTON - CAYTON - 24

BEETON - DAYTON - 26

DAYTON - ESHAM - 28

TAKE 2 CONSERVATIVE LETTERS FROM EACH

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CLUE TO THE MISSING WORDS

1 MOVES 1-5 8

2 A-B is 12

3 "Most good Symmetrical"

4

CLOCK THE HANDS ARE TOGETHER 22 TIMES IN 24 HRS.

5

6 THE NEXT

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FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, MAY 12, 1939

ADAM LUCK was in the habit of getting to the bottom of things. It was because he had always got to the bottom of things, and had never admitted defeat by anything or anybody, that he had now managed, before he was fifty, to buy himself a seventeenth-century manor-house he didn't really want.

At the moment, he was trying to get to the bottom of the strange piece of tarnished silver he was turning over between his blunt, stumpy fingers. Or, rather, he was trying to get at both ends of it at once, for he could not make up his mind whether it was a key or a spoon. It was either a key with a handle shaped like the bowl of a spoon, or a spoon with a handle shaped like the business end of a key. It had been found by one of the workmen reconstructing the old-fashioned fireplace in the lounge, where it had apparently been lying, bricked in, for generations.

He was perplexed, and he objected to being perplexed. If he were to get to the bottom of it, he would have to go back a good many years, because, according to records, that fireplace had been rebuilt by one of the Cranways when he had inherited the place from his father in the middle of the eighteenth century, and hadn't been touched since, until now.

The obvious way back, of course, would have been through Mark Cranway. But as Mark

"A THOUSAND DOORS"

The fact that it was silver, and not solid enough to stand the strain of a lock as big as the one it looked as if it ought to fit, brought him to the conclusion that it was primarily a spoon.

Now that he scrutinised it carefully he saw that something was engraved on it. But he could only pick out a letter here and there. So he sent for some silver polish and set about removing a layer or two of tarnish.

After patient rubbing, a few more letters began to take shape, and as Adam had had long and daily experience at crossword puzzles, he was able to supply the missing ones from his imagination, and to read the answer as "A Thousand Doors."

But, having won that round, he removed his spectacles and sat back, more perplexed than ever.

The spoon-key, or key-spoon, perhaps had some connexion with the vague stories he had heard about the happenings at Kelswell Manor in its earlier years, and which he had elaborated with such glee to Ella. But what connexion he hadn't the least idea.

He didn't know much about those happenings, except that in the days of Cranway-number-two, who lived to a ripe old age, there had been a series of un-

He told her. He didn't admit, of course, that he was still perplexed about it. Ella was the last person to ask for details of the history of ghostly spoons at that time of night. So he was surprised when she repeated vacantly: "A thousand doors — a thousand doors."

"Well?" he asked irritably. "What about it?"

"Massinger," she murmured. "I think it was Massinger. 'Death hath a thousand doors to let out life' . . ."

Adam had never heard of Massinger. He had no use for poetry, and all that sort of rot. Until this moment! Now he hurried out of his wife's room, leaving her to imagine what she pleased for the rest of the night, and got into bed as quickly as he could, to follow up in peace the new train of thought that the quotation had suddenly set in motion.

Death! A thousand doors! There was the connexion he'd been trying to find. The key of a thousand doors. The spoon of Death. Or the key of Death. Nonsense, of course; but people in those days were full of absurd superstitions. If stories of mysterious death had been handed down, and probably grossly exaggerated, through some two hundred years, the chances were that somebody in the neighbourhood would have heard of this spoon.

Next day he took it to old Wingold, the local jeweller and antique dealer. Old Wingold knew nothing about it. Or, if he did know anything, he kept a poker face. Adam left it to be thoroughly cleaned, and returned home disgruntled.

It was from a totally unexpected source that information came. From Mark Cranway himself! Adam had a letter from him, two days after the visit to old Wingold, asking if he could come down to Kelswell and see the place.

"By the way," he said casually—rather too casually—after lunch, when Adam, glowing with old port, had made several unsuccessful attempts to get a rise out of both him and Ella. "There's supposed to be an extraordinary old silver spoon hidden away somewhere in the house. I suppose you haven't come across it?"

Adam chuckled. He wasn't so full of port that he couldn't see through that.

"So that's what you came for!" he gurgled. "I suppose you heard I'd found it. That disreputable old jeweller, probably."

Cranway, unlike Adam, was honest enough to admit when he was bested.

"Well guessed!" he laughed. "I was afraid the thing would be dug out. As long as it stayed where it was, there was no need to worry about it; but if it came to light, I thought you ought to be warned. Dangerous thing to keep about the house, from all accounts."

"Dangerous?" Adam chuckled again. Ella bit her lip and said nothing.

"Perhaps you don't believe in anything having supernatural powers. Knowing my own family history, I find it impossible

not to believe. There must be some limit to the length of the arm of coincidence. Perhaps I'd better tell you, as you have the spoon, what has always been kept a family secret.

"That spoon is supposed to be the cause of all the mysterious deaths in this house, of which no doubt you've heard. Where it came from originally I don't know. One of my ancestors picked it up from some mystic gentleman abroad. The inscription was his own idea. It was taken from a play published about the time this house was built, and suited what the mystic had told him, about the thing—that it represents the key to the doors of death.

"Everybody who eats or drinks anything that has been stirred by that spoon is said to die within an hour."

"Fairy-tale rubbish!" exploded Adam derisively. "I suppose you expect me to give you the thing."

"I've never for a moment expected you to give away anything," Cranway answered quietly.

"But of course I should like to see it safely in the keeping of the Cranway family, and I'm prepared to pay for it. I thought, as it had no family interest for you, and it wasn't the sort of thing you'd care to have lying about . . ."

"Then you've got another think coming," Adam interrupted. "I intend to have it lying about. Now it's polished, it's quite an amusing ornament. I like it." He might have added that it would be an amusing and novel torment for Ella, but he didn't.

Mark Cranway shrugged his shoulders. "Have it your own way. But don't say I haven't warned you."

Like all sadists, Adam Luck was a coward. Although he refused to believe in the powers of the spoon, he wouldn't have been at all willing to stir his own tea with it. Incurably determined to get to the bottom of things, he began to consider how he could disprove the alleged powers to his own satisfaction. There was always, of course, the dog. But it happened to be rather an expensive dog.

For the next week or so, how-

(Continued on Page 7.)

Short Story :- :-

By Shaugh Courtenay

Cranway was a business rival and one of the two reasons why he had bought Kelswell Manor, it was a way that would have to be trod circumspectly.

Both reasons were in keeping with a quaint sense of humour which the most charitable ascribed to an uphill struggle against a bitter world. Mark Cranway, a direct descendant of the Rupert Cranwell who had built Kelswell Manor somewhere about 1660, had been striving for years to re-stock the family coffers sufficiently to establish the Cranways once again at Kelswell after an absence of nearly a century, and had been on the point of attaining his ambition. It was a great joke.

The other reason—quite a trivial one, but it had its amusing side—was that Mrs. Adam Luck believed in ghosts, and was terrified of all old houses, especially if they had reputations for obscure happenings in the dim past.

Ella was another example of Adam's refusal to accept defeat. He had married her because a great many other men had wanted to marry her, and because she had had a will of her own which it had amused him to break. It had taken him several years to break it, after which his interest in her had dropped, except as a handy target for his whims.

Having brusquely dismissed the workman, who had had the impertinence to look hopeful, Adam adjusted his horn-rimmed spectacles on the upper portion of an expanse of nose and studied the key—or was it a spoon?

explained deaths in the house. Of course, to Ella he had explained them easily by curses and evil spirits, but that had nothing to do with history, except that it happened to agree to a certain extent with the theories of the victims' friends and relations, who had eventually grown so exasperated that they had carted off the protesting Mrs. Cranway-number-two and burned her as a witch. They had apparently neglected to take into consideration the facts that all the victims had offended in some way against Mr. Cranway-number-two, and that three of them were suspected of being his wife's lovers.

Anyhow, it hadn't stopped the mysterious deaths.

But what had all that to do with this strange instrument?

By early hours of the morning Adam was tired and disgusted with much fruitless pondering, but even more determined to get to the bottom of things. He decided that a little joke would cheer him up before going to bed, so he called in at Ella's room and woke her up.

"There ought to be plenty of ghosts about to-night," he announced. "They'll be coming back for their spoon, or key, or whatever it is. You'll probably hear their shrieks as they fight over it." It did occur to him to tell her to keep the thing for safety under her pillow, which would have given him a good laugh, but he didn't trust her not to get rid of it.

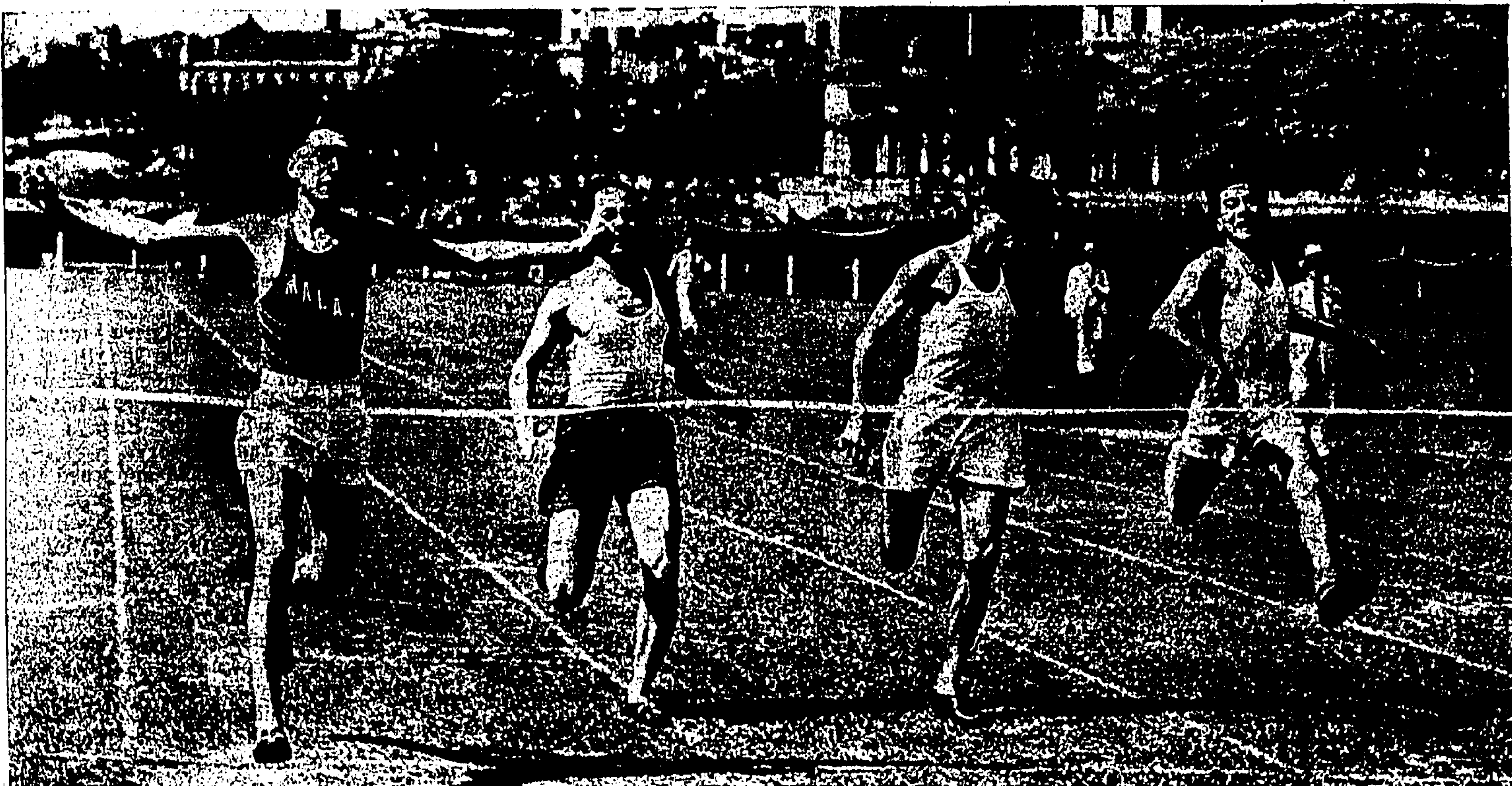
She sat up, white-faced and heavy-eyed.

"Spoon?" she whispered.

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CONFESSION

"I'd like to see any man try to kiss me."

"No doubt, but you shouldn't admit it."

* * *

DIFFERENT

"The man sitting next to me was talking all through the opera."

"Oh, well, everybody talks at the opera."

"Yes' but this man was counting sheep."

* * *

SHREWD

Little Tommy entered the general dealer's shop with an empty syrup tin and asked for half a pint of varnish. After the varnish had been poured into the tin the boy said:—"Father will pay you next week."

But the shopkeeper thought otherwise and emptied the tin, which he gave back to the boy.

Picking it up, the youngster looked into the tin and said: "Father said you would leave enough in the tin; he only wants to varnish a walking-stick!"

CABBAGES AND KINGS

CONSOLATION

A survey carried out by a Canadian insurance company claims to prove that 1,000 words to-day carry about double the idea-content of the same wordage 50 years ago.

* * *

UP-TO-DATE

"My good man," asked the lady of the house, "how did you come to fall so low as to go round the country begging?"

"It's a long story, marm," came the vagrant's reply, "and it's in the hands of my publishers. I'm just walking to London to correct the proofs."

* * *

NOT SO FAST

Master Luckstein was doing his home-work and struggling to subtract a large sum of money from an even larger amount.

"Fifteen shillings from twelve," he murmured. "I can't, so I borrow a pound."

His father, half asleep in his chair by the fire, woke up suddenly.

"Vat per cent, lkey?" he demanded. "Vat per cent?"

* * *

ONE WAY OUT

The pretty typist knocked on the door of her boss's office and blushed as she went in.

"I wonder," she asked diffidently, "if I might have my next week's salary to-day; I'm broke."

The boss shook his head. "Sorry," he remarked, "but it can't be done. I promised my wife I wouldn't make advances to you."

* * *

MODERN CHILD

Little Tommy had spent his first day at school. Mother was anxious to know how he had got on.

"What did you learn, dear?" she asked.

"Didn't learn nothin.' A woman wanted to know how to spell 'dog' an' I told her. That's all."

* * *

HOW'S THAT?

The squire's son had played regularly for the village football team, always insisting that he should play in goal. He was not a good goalkeeper, however, and by the end of the season his record of kicks let through sounded more like one of Don Bradman's cricket scores.

Then came the annual football dance, and during the course of it the squire's son fainted.

The music immediately stopped, and as all the dancers left their partners and gathered round the prostrate figure, the captain of the football team was heard to remark: "By Jove, he's stopped a ball at last!"

* * *

LONG LANE

The publishing sensation of the season is announced, writes a British columnist. It is called:

"The Leaning Tower of Appeasement; or It's a Long Chamberlain that has no Turning."

It is described as a disreputable story with far too many chapters. There are numbers of ignored illustrations from recent history.

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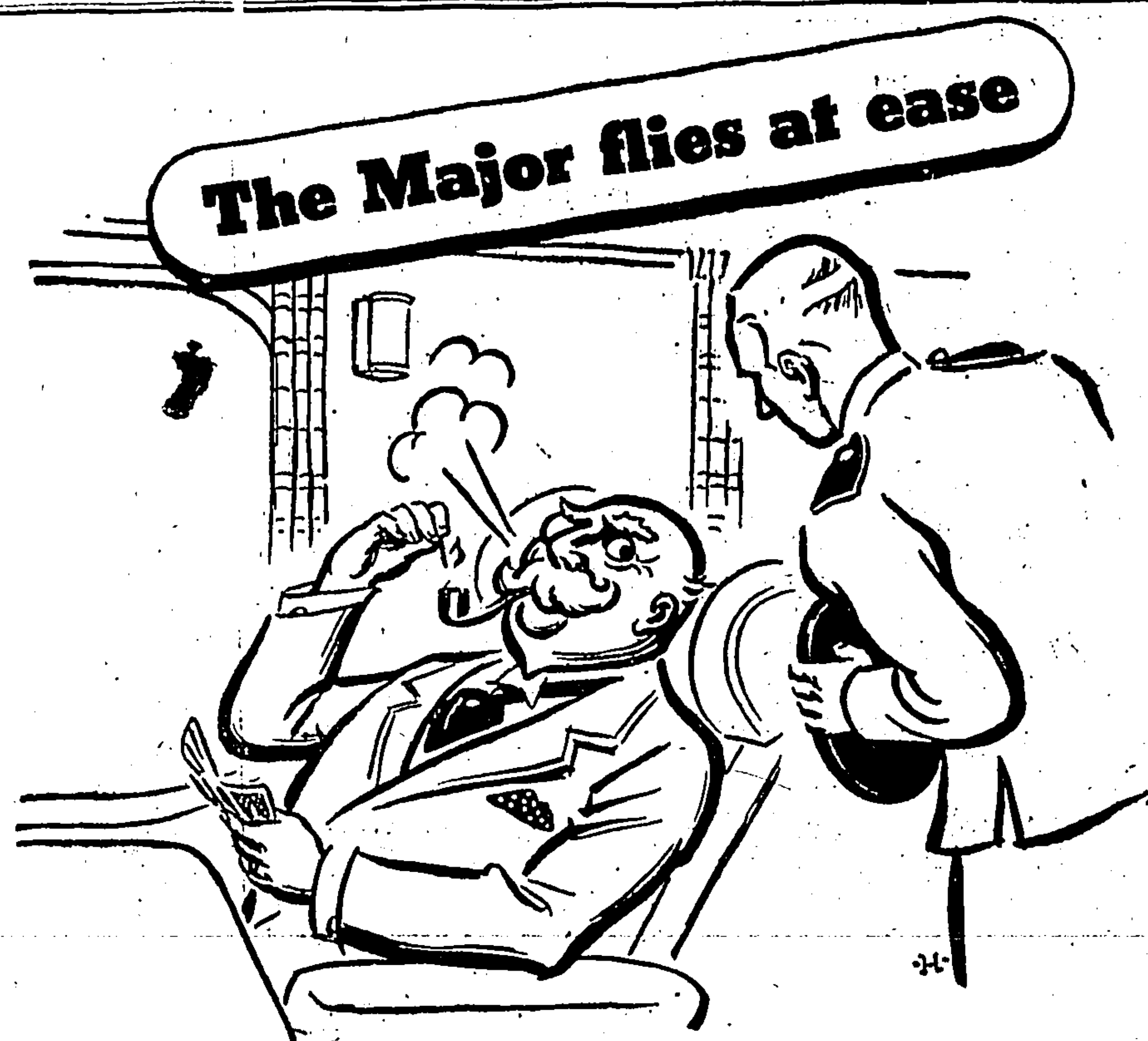
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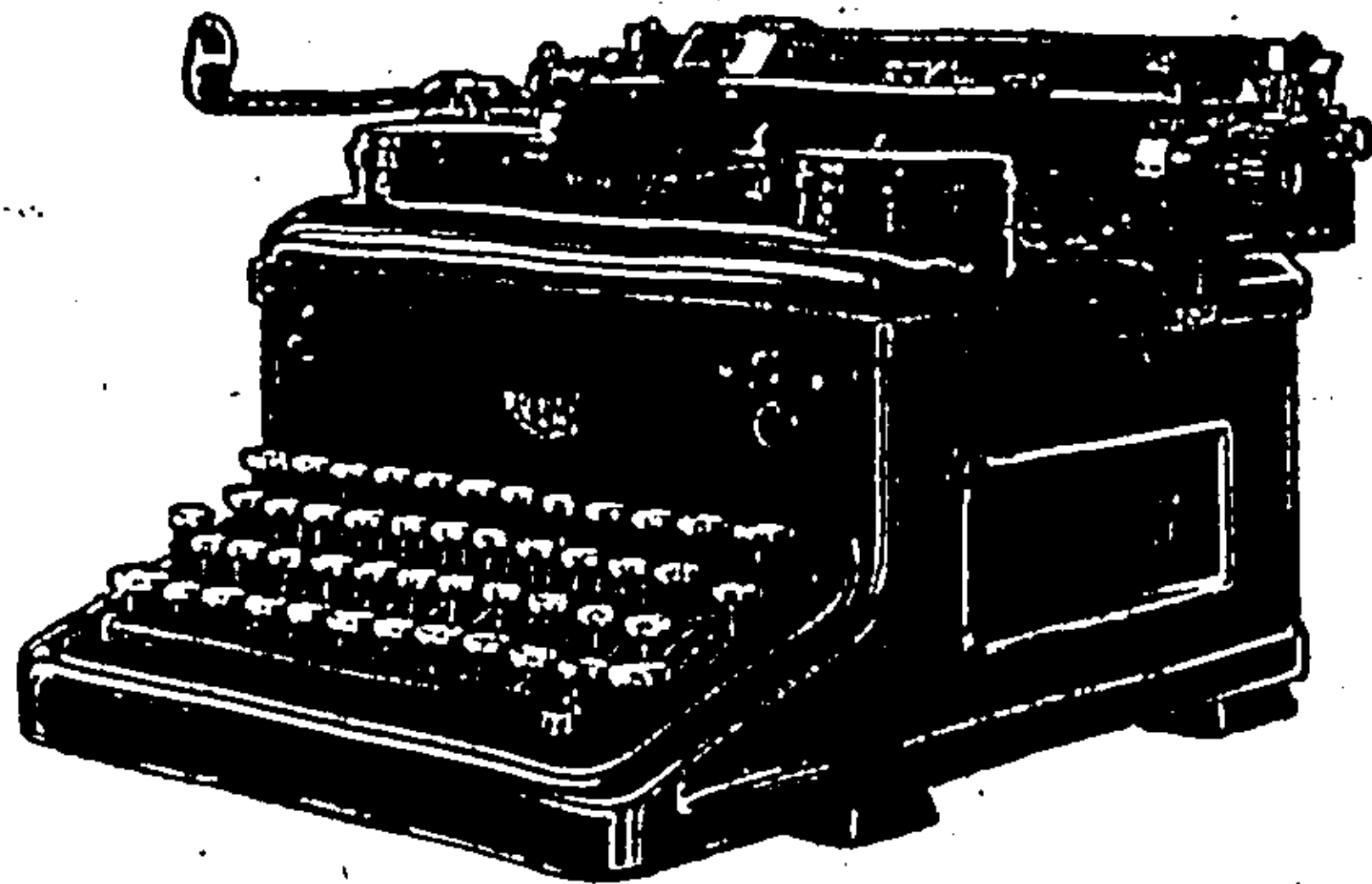
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AS TOMMY WAS BEING BACKED AGAINST THE BANYAN TREE, PREPARATORY TO BEING SHOT BY THE PIRATES, BILGEWATER BILL, ONE OF THE PIRATES, SELECTED TO BE HIS EXECUTIONER, WHISPERED TO THE PILOT, "TAKE IT EASY, I'M WITH YOU!"

BUT JUST THEN, CAPT. BARRACUDA STEPPED UP, DECLARING THAT HE, PERSONALLY, WOULD DELIVER THE "COUPE DE GRACE"

BORRY I HAVEN'T GOT A PLANK FOR YOU TO WALK, BUT THIS WILL BE MUCH QUICKER!

AND WHEN MY PALS GET YOU, YOU'LL DANGLE AT THE END OF A ROPE, YOU DIZZY DOPE!

3325

LEAVING TWO OF HIS HENCHMEN, ONE OF WHOM HE DISTRUSTS, TO KILL TOMMY, CAPT. BARRACUDA, THE PICTURESQUE AERIAL PIRATE LEADER, RUSHES TOWARD THE HOUSE TO PROTECT ONE OF HIS CAPTIVES, BERNICE TREYMORE, WHO HAS JUST BEEN PAWED BY AN AMOROUS BUT SOON REPENTANT BUCCANEER.

ODD'S DEATH! WOT GOES ON HERE? I'LL TEACH YE THY PLACE, SWINE!

TH' BOSS HAS GONE ERTS-MAY AGAIN, PETE!

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IT IS BECOMING VERY OBVIOUS THAT THERE IS SOMETHING VERY WRONG WITH THE PICTURESQUE AERIAL PIRATE LEADER, WHO CALLS HIMSELF "THE BARRACUDA". AT TIMES HE LAPSES INTO THE VERNACULAR OF THE ANCIENT BUCCANEER, AND AT SUCH TIMES HIS MEN EXCHANGE ALARMED GLANCES.

AND MEANWHILE, LET'S GO BACK TO TOMMY

MAKE IT SNAPPY, BILGEWATER BILL, AND GET IT OVER WITH!

I SURE WILL!

3327

WHEN BILGEWATER BILL, ONE OF THE SKY PIRATES ASSIGNED TO "KILL TOMMY," SHOT HIS OWN PAL INSTEAD, TOMMY WAS ASTONISHED, BUT THE BUCCANEER EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD SHOT TO SAVE HIS OWN LIFE, BECAUSE HE HAD KNOWN THAT SHARKNOSE HAD ORDERS FROM "THE BARRACUDA" TO SLAY HIM, AFTER HE HAD DISPOSED OF TOMMY.

BUT... I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL PALS...

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THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S CORNER

By Muriel Nissen

STAMPS HONOUR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

TWO governments are planning early postage stamp issues bearing portraits of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The people of the Philippine Islands are raising funds to erect an Arch of Triumph commemorating their constitution. A special postage series, released to aid the fund, will be one of the sets on which President Roosevelt will be featured. There will be three stamps in this set, one of which will depict the signing of the Tydings-McDuffie act by the President. This legislature, passed in 1934, assured the independence of the Philippine Commonwealth, formerly a United States possession. Another design will show President Quezon taking the oath of office and the third stamp will picture the proposed Triumphal Arch.

The Turkish government is also proposing a philatelic tribute to our Chief Executive. A six value stamp issue is shortly to appear in honour of the 150th anniversary of the United States Constitution. There

have been several reports as to the designs for these adhesives, but it is probable that one design will be used for all values. It will bear portraits of President Roosevelt and of Turkey's late president, Kemal Ataturk, between flags of the two nations. Serving as a background will be a map of America drawn in 1513 by Piri Reis, Turkish navigator. The denominations of the set will be 2½, 3, 6, 7½, 8 and 12½ kurus.

VATICAN CITY RELEASE

IN observance of the interregnum occurring between the death of Pope Pius XI and the election of Pope Pius XII, a series of provisional stamps was issued by the Vatican State. This issue is made up of overprints on the seven lowest values of Vatican City's first stamp series released in 1929. The design consists of the Papal tiara and the crossed keys of St. Peter. The overprint reads "Sede Vacante-MCMXXXIX" (Throne Vacant—1939). Values and colours of the original stamps are: 5 cetesimi, dark brown and pink; 10c, dark and light green; 20c, violet and lilac; 25c dark and light blue; 30c indigo and yellow; 50c indigo and salmon buff; 75c brown carmine and gray.

Postal paper with the likeness of the present Pontiff, the former Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, will undoubtedly have an early release.

NEW KING GEORGE VI STAMPS



THREE very attractive stamps have been added to Great Britain's current postage series portraying King George VI. The new values are sixpence, lilac-rose; seven pence, bright yellow-green and eight pence, violet rose. The design is essentially the same on all values, though more ornately presented on the higher two. A profile of the king, surmounted by a crown, is the central design, and the heraldic flowers of the four countries comprising the British Isles appear in the corners. These are the thistle for Scotland, shamrock for Ireland, the rose representing England and a daffodil for Wales. The stamp was designed by Edmund Dulac and is easily recognised as the work of a master craftsman.

STRAY ITEMS

A portrait of the postally ubiquitous Simon Bolivar appears on four new values of Venezuela's postage paper. They are: 10 centimos, scarlet; 40c blue-gray; 50c violet, and 8 bolivars, orange.

Three high values have been released by China; all bearing the portrait of President Chiang Kai-shek. The new denominations are: \$1, yellow-brown and gray; \$2, blue and reddish-brown; \$5, scarlet and olive.

STAMP TEASERS

1. What are Fellahin and what stamp pictures three of them?
2. What stamp bears the portrait of a woman admiral?
3. Where is Spalato Harbour, and on what stamp is it pictured?
4. A Fordson tractor provides the design for what adhesive?
5. The picture of a cocoa bean is used on what stamp?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Dr. L. Zamenhof, inventor of the international language, Esperanto, is pictured on a Russian stamp of 1927.
2. Memel harbour is pictured on a diamond shaped stamp issued by Lithuania in 1929.
3. An Estonian adhesive of 1933 features a bard playing a harp.
4. The Parthenon of Athens appears on a stamp issued by Costa Rica in 1925.
5. On a Polish stamp of 1919 a griffin is pictured.

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A general view of the Lawn Bowls game between K.B.G.C. and I.R.C.

"A Thousand Doors"

(Continued from Page 1)

ever, he was fully occupied in London with a business crisis that lost him a good deal of money, so he had no time to think of the spoon. When he returned to Kelswell, in the blackest of moods, a day or two before he had told Ella to expect him, he found that Ella was cheering her loneliness by entertaining her mother.

The mother was getting on in years, and suffered from a weak heart. She never came to stay with Ella while Adam was at home because their dislike for each other was cordial and mutual; and although the old lady was well able to stand up for herself, she wasn't sure that her heart would stand much warfare. It was from her that Ella had inherited the will that Adam had broken, and the fear of the supernatural that nothing but the indifference of exhaustion was likely to break.

Fortunately for his plans, Ella always had her breakfast in bed, so she was well out of the way. He knew for a certainty that she would have arranged for her mother also to have hers in bed. She understood his views on the sanctity of male solitude in the breakfast room. To waylay the maid on the stairs on her way up with his mother-in-law's tray, and to bump into her, was not difficult. While he was roundly cursing her for her clumsiness, and thoroughly flustering her, it was easy enough to substitute the special spoon for the ordinary one on the tray.

When he had finished his own breakfast, he barged into the old lady's room. The spoon was lying on the tray, obviously used. The old lady, apart from being decidedly surprised at his intrusion, seemed perfectly normal.

"I couldn't find the spoon with the curse," he announced. "And I hear some fool servant's brought it up to you." He fixed his eyes on it in well-feigned horror. "Good heaven! You haven't used it, have you?"

He noted with satisfaction the fright in the old lady's face at the mention of the word curse, and the growing terror as he went on with his act. As well as being necessary as an explanation for his presence, a detailed and illuminated discourse on the history of the spoon appealed to him as a good joke.

He never finished it. Half-way through, the old lady gave a painful gasp and collapsed. He pocket-

ed the spoon and left.

The doctor said it was heart failure, probably due to some shock. And there was very little more to be said about it. But Adam wondered if his scepticism mightn't be a little misplaced. Anyhow, he wasn't risking letting the spoon out of his own custody.

The recent business crisis turned out to be the forerunner of a series of misfortunes. And the most infuriating thing about it was that every one of his losses was Cranway's gain.

The very sight of Cranway, drove him to frenzy every time they met. And when, after a particularly infuriating reverse, Cranway casually asked him if he'd care to consider selling Kelswell Manor, it was all he could do to hold himself from smiting the man in public.

But, having overcome the temptation to hit out, he was slowly filled with a chilly calm, far more deadly than any temper. It was the very chance he had wanted, to put that spoon to a real test.

"Might," he grunted. "Come down for the week-end and talk about it."

On the first evening he carefully mixed the cocktails in the library himself, before Cranway had finished dressing, and poured them out. The glasses were just wide enough to allow him to stir the one on the right with the spoon.

When Cranway arrived, the spoon was back in his pocket. He took a glass in each hand, and gave the right one to his guest. At that moment Ella came in.

"There's somebody on the telephone, Adam," she said meekly. "He says it's very urgent."

Adam muffled a curse. "Excuse me," he muttered. "Don't wait." He set down his glass beside the shaker and went out.

Apparently the caller had been cut off. He raved impatiently at the exchange, hung up the receiver and returned. He smiled grimly as he noted that Cranway was half-way through his drink. He took up his own from the spot where he had left it, and drank.

When he saw Cranway drain his glass he could no longer resist his quaint sense of humour.

"Now we shall see if that precious spoon of yours is all you claim," he chuckled. "It stirred your cocktail!"

Cranway might not have heard, for all the notice he took of the remark. It was Ella who answered. She looked straight at Adam with a hardness in her eyes that

he hadn't seen for years.

"I thought so. That was why I called you to the telephone. It gave me the chance to change the glasses!"

Adam gasped. He seemed to be choking. He was trembling and sweating all over. Somewhere in front of him was a blurred outline of Ella. He threw himself at her.

It was against the corner of a bookcase that he caught his temple. It was an appalling gash. But not even the most superstitious would be justified in blaming the spoon for that, especially as the thing had been in Cranway's possession since a few days after

its discovery.

Ella had been terrified of it from the beginning, so she had sent it off to Cranway as soon as Adam's back was turned. And Cranway had had an excellent copy of it made, to keep Adam quiet.

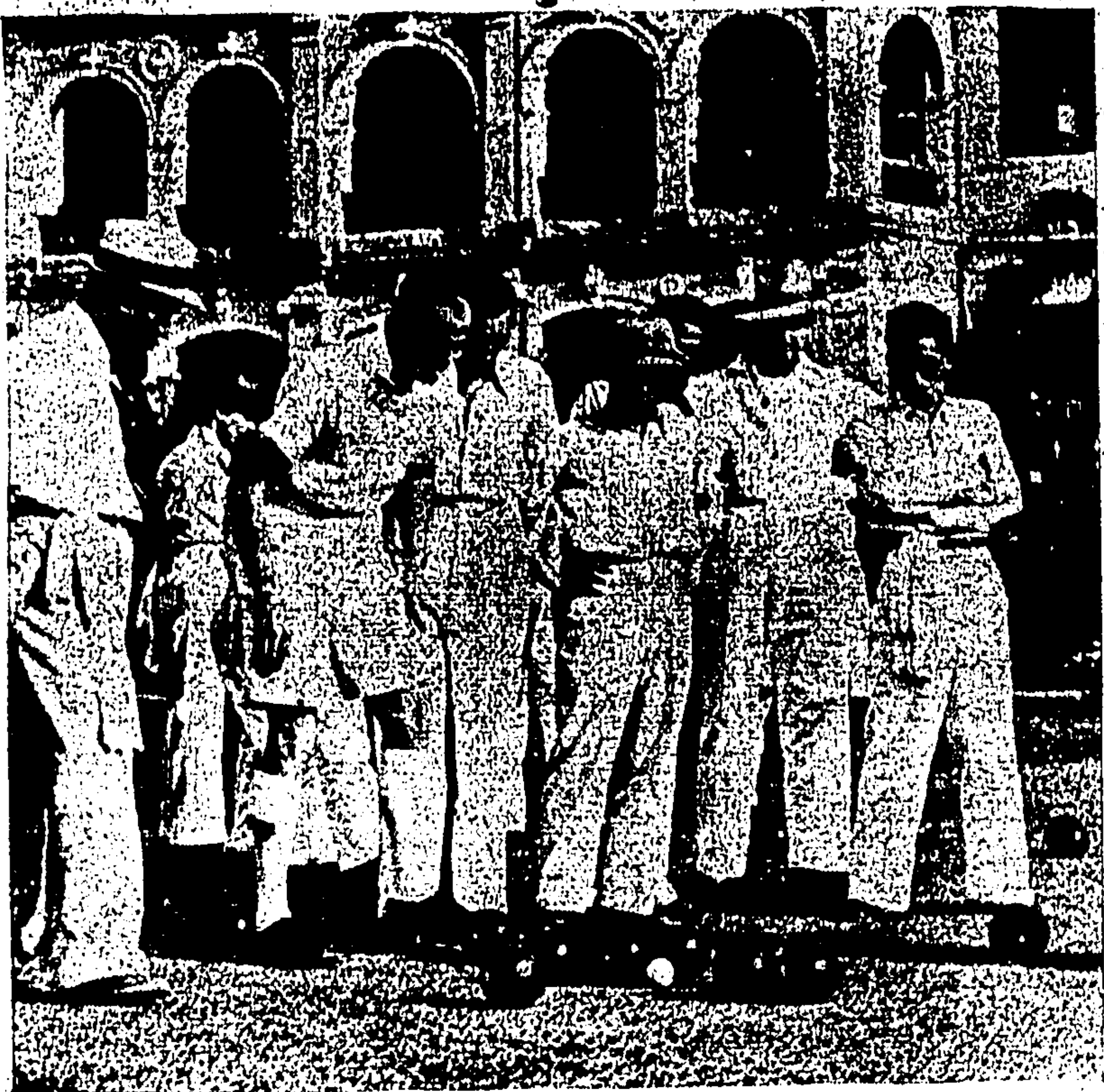
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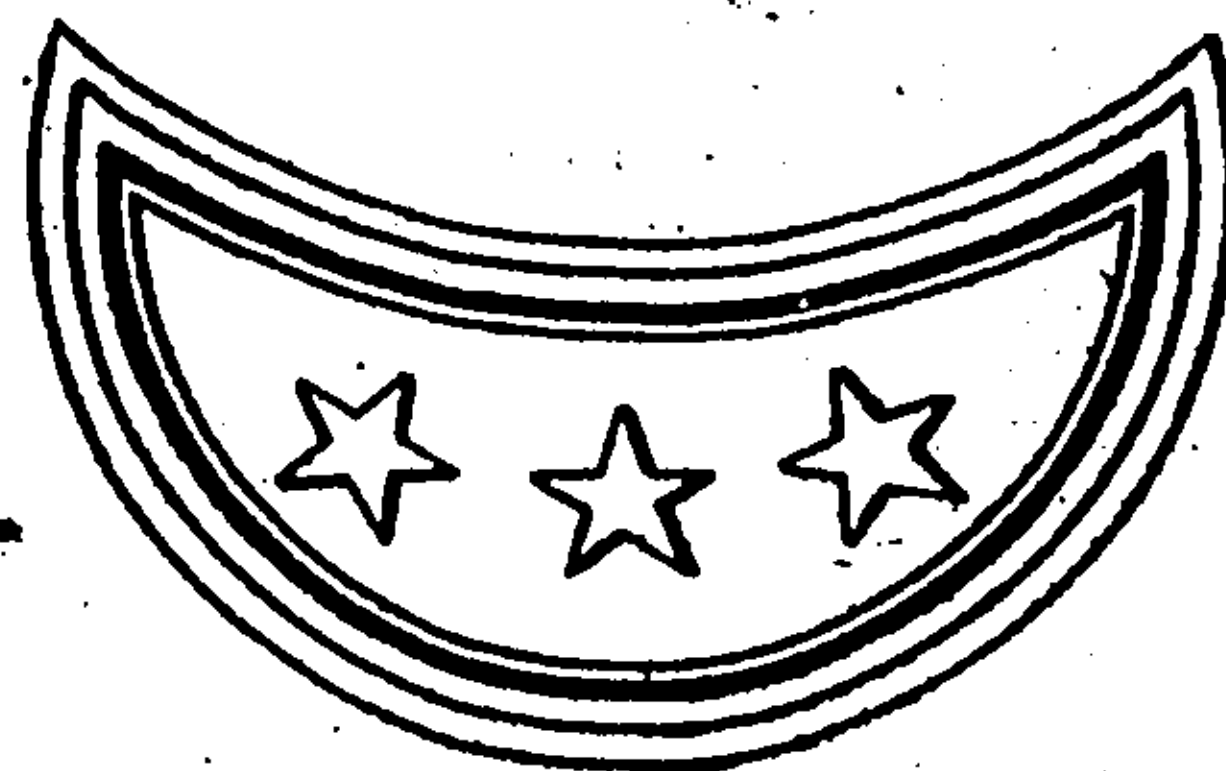
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etrich, both of months, as Germany would have to supply men and material to help the Italians. This showed that the unbridled press Italian alliance was not popular on either side of the Brenner Pass, as given rise to that officials in responsible positions in Germany counted without Italian assistance.

own undoing. A French military attache whom they interviewed in Spain said that world war has been just averted in the Straits of Gibraltar, where Mussolini and Hitler wanted to force Franco to strike against Gibraltar and Tangier with the help

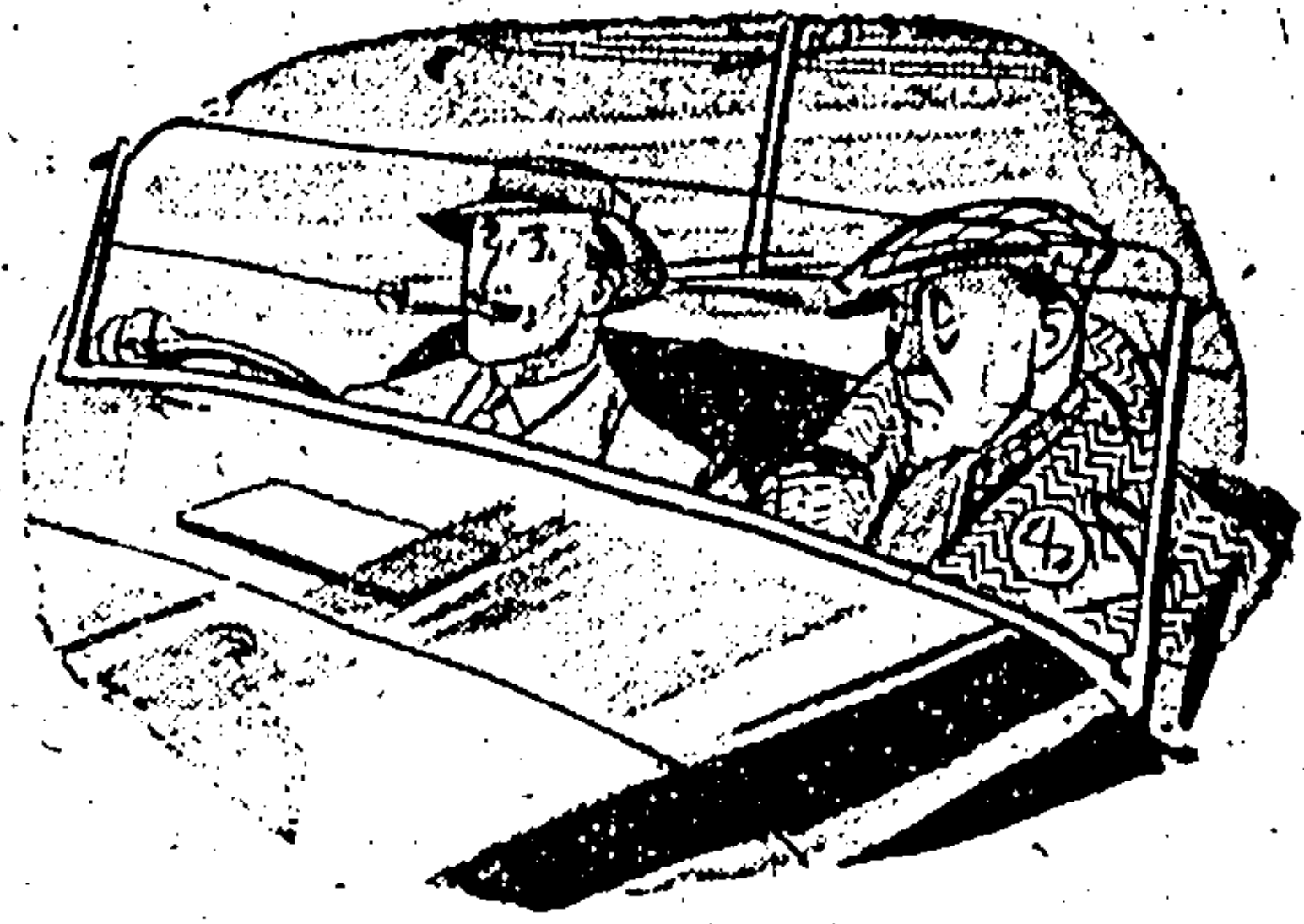
of Italian troops and the German Navy. The war was averted by the excellent defence preparations made at Gibraltar by the British and the French naval intervention.

On the whole, therefore, the Hitler address made little change in the outlook, except that it confirmed that the initiative henceforth is in the hands of the British Government. No longer will world policy be dictated from the Wilhelmstrasse, it will be directed from Downing Street and Washington.

The French are quite content with this turn of events and Italy, weakened by wars in Ethiopia and Spain, by the occupation of Majorca and the sending of troops to Libya, the Dodecanese and Albania, no longer counts as a force worth reckoning with.

There will be, therefore, no dangerous outbreak within the near future since British, American and French diplomacy will do its best to make something out of the Hitlerian declarations. But the end cannot be far, since the Third Reich can exist only if based on a series of new successes and conquests.

There is a general belief that the war will break out in August or at the end of July when Hitler's harvest has been gathered in at home, in the protectorate, in such vassal countries as Hungary and Italy, and possibly even Yugoslavia. But even this danger can be averted if Britain maintains her determined foreign policy. Anyhow the sting has been taken out of Hitler's language for the time being.



ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

"Good party last night, wasn't it?"

"Er—yes—I suppose so. Somehow I don't seem to remember things very clearly. I've got a vague recollection of somebody wearing a fez."

"Yes. That was you."

"Oh, I see. Tell me, Philip—do you remember me being dropped head downwards from a great height on to a concrete floor, by any chance?"

"Slight headache, eh?"

"Philip—I wish I had your flair for understatement. I feel as though I had lived on an exclusive diet of iron filings and broken glass for the last five years. What amazes me is that you seem to be

so disgustingly cheerful and bright this morning."

"I know. It must be very exasperating. A medicine man warned me to stick to 'Gimlets' at parties. So I always take the precaution of bringing my own bottle of Rose's Lime Juice. You may cock a sceptical eyebrow, Edwin—but it works."

"How?"

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"Why—oh why—didn't you tell me this last night?"

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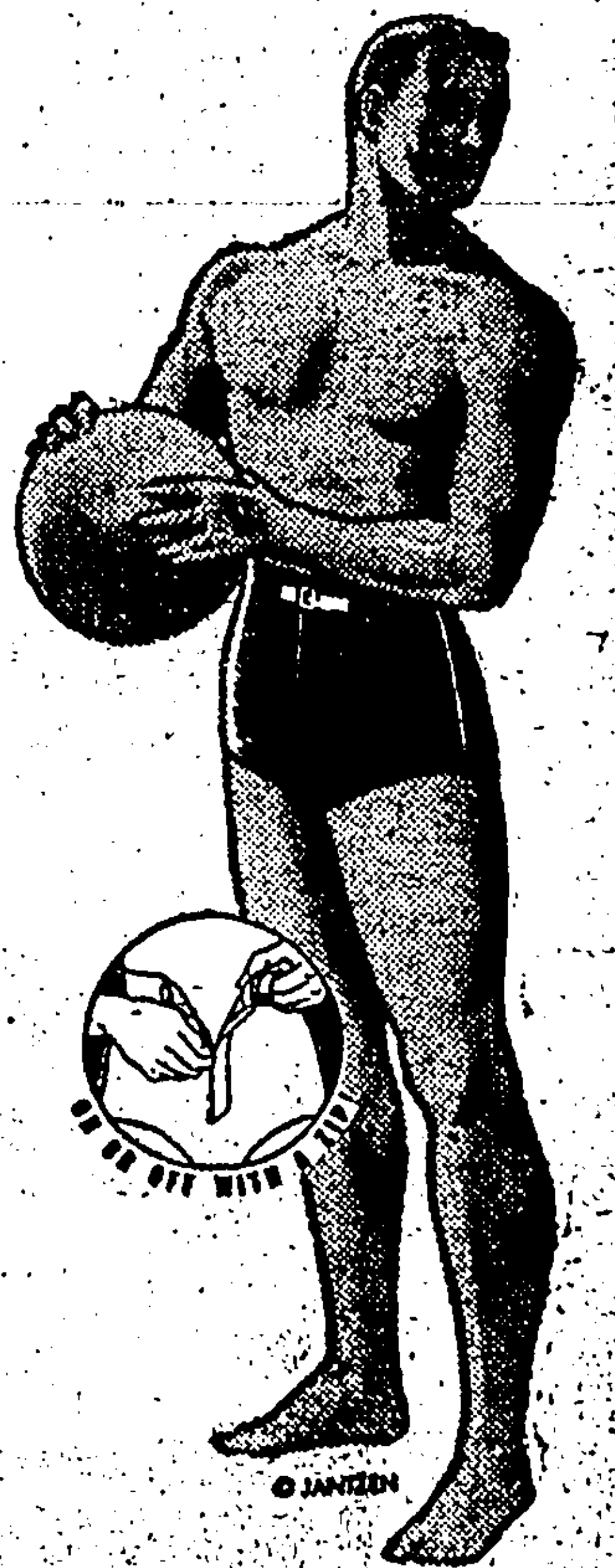
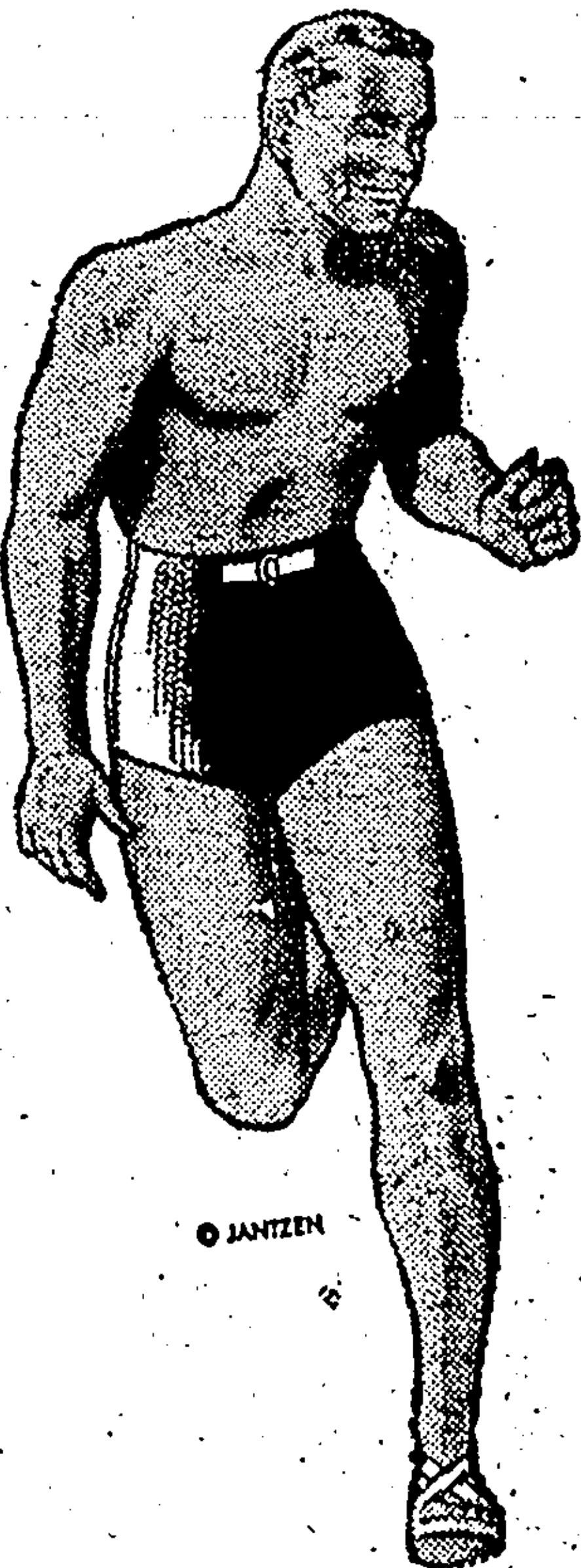
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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

There is seldom a justification for rudeness, and on this day especially it must not be indulged in, if unpleasant consequences are to be avoided. A feeling of personal pride will make the average person decidedly touchy at the slightest lack of respect to them. In industrial circles there may be an unusual amount of activity. Conditions ought to be conducive to spending money freely. This is an exceptionally good day for planning work of a constructive nature, and for soliciting new business. You are apt to find the average person very susceptible to flattery and ready for an excuse to relax from business and indulge in sociability. From many unexpected sources will come some of the day's most pleasant surprises. This day appears to be full of many potential money-making opportunities, so be careful you do not pass some one of them up. Married and engaged couples, and those who have a right to feel encouraged over their matrimonial prospects, must be careful that selfishness, in some form, does not mar the day.

If a woman and May 12 is your birthday, you may be very emotional and impulsive. You will be able to overcome obstacles on your way to social or business success. Love is likely to mean more to you than wealth, although there is a possibility of your having both. Be careful that the admiration of your friends does not turn your head and cause you to fall from their good grace. You must let nothing shatter your faith in the inherent good of human nature, for in time you will have ample cause to believe in it. You may be well fitted to be a teacher, writer, radio entertainer, actress, sales agent or office executive. You



PARLIAMENTARY GOLF MEETING. — Mrs. Locker-Lampson, wife of the M.P., wore a striking ensemble including a cowl-like woollen headcover and a jumper, in the Women's Parliamentary Golf meeting at Ranelagh. She also carried a muff. The ensemble was all white. Photo shows Mrs. Locker-Lampson walking between tees with her caddie.

most likely will have ample reasons for rejoicing in your matrimonial choice, and have no justifiable cause to regret marrying.

The child born on May 12, frequently, in its early youth, is very visionary, but in time learns the necessity of being thoroughly practical. Parents can feel optimistic regarding the future of children born on this date.

TO CLEAN BLACK MARBLE

Washing black marble with soap and water will clean it. But this leaves it rather dull and lifeless. Rub over with a little linseed oil and it will gain quite a gloss.

Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

SIMPLE EXERCISES FOR REDUCING AND BUILDING UP

Frequently I am asked why it is that the same exercises are given for reducing overweights and for building up underweights. Here is the answer.

Exercises done regularly every day tend to distribute the flesh proportionately if you need refashioning because of surplus pounds. The same exercises will firm undeveloped muscles, and create healthy, normal appetites. Flesh accumulates over soft, flabby muscles. As muscles firm the surplus pounds disappear. Of course, an overweight must watch her menus daily too, if she definitely wishes to slim.



Five minutes of exercising each morning refashions the stout or too-thin figure.

FIVE ROUTINE EXERCISES

The following exercises should be done before breakfast every morning near an opened window or, if the weather is chilly, in a well ventilated room. Stout and slim business girls who sit at their work during the day, will greatly benefit from these simple movements.

1—Stand erect with feet two inches apart. Place your hands on your hips and breathe so deeply that you can notice the chest being raised. Exhale slowly. Do ten times.

2—Stand erect with feet two inches apart. Clasp hands as high as possible over head and bend forward rhythmically. First slightly to the right, up, and then slightly to the left. Do this ten times.

3—Stand erect, hands on hips. Turn the upper part of the body as far to the left as possible as you tilt your head over your right shoulder. Swing slowly back to erect position, eyes and head forward. Then reverse the movement to the right. Ten times each way.

4—Stand erect in good posture, head up and shoulders back. Place hands on hips. Place heels almost together and turn toes slightly out. Raise slowly on the balls of the feet keeping body erect. Then bend knees and lower thighs until they are resting on the calves of the legs. Still keeping on toes, raise yourself up erectly, then relax. Do this ten times. It is difficult at first.

5—Then finish the routine by bending from the waist, keeping knees straight and touching toes. Do this ten, twenty or thirty times. Excellent for strengthening the abdomen.

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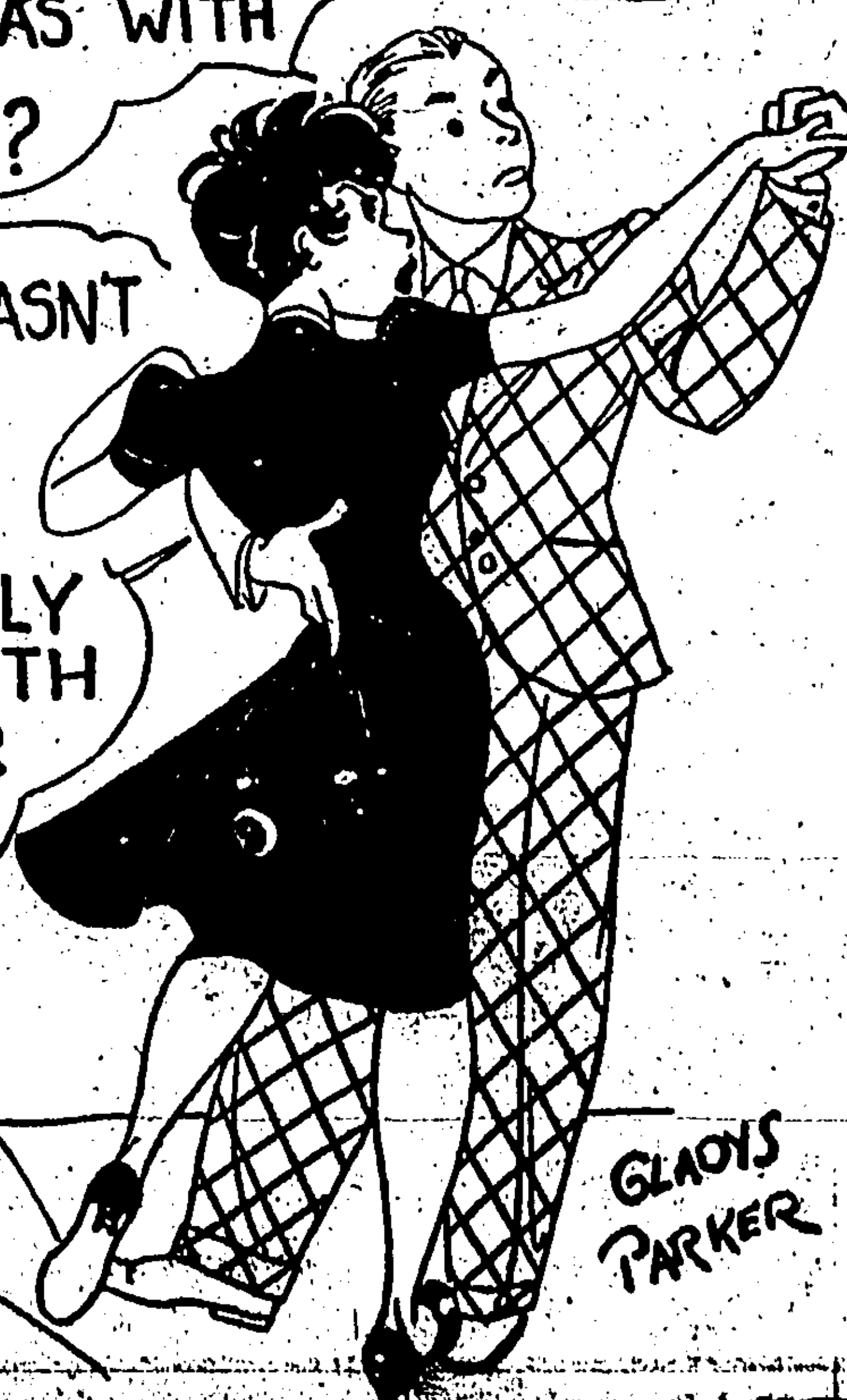
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CHATTER ABOUT FILMS AND FILM STARS

(By LEDO)

The gayest ghost of the screen, Constance Bennett, returns in "Topper Takes a Trip."

Remember the original "Topper," in which Connie and Cary Grant have a car crash and turn into spirits with the ability to appear and disappear at will?

Remember how they haunt poor Roland Young and make his life miserable for us to laugh at?

Well, as Cary Grant could not be obtained for the second "Topper" film, Constance Bennett carries on the haunting alone.

No, not quite alone. She is accompanied by Mr. Atlas, who is sometimes half a dog, and sometimes just the tail of a dog.

After repeating the car crash scenes from the first "Topper" film just to show how it all happened, "Topper Takes a Trip" explains that Cary Grant has gone on, passed beyond, or some such thing.

So Constance Bennett sets out to do her good deed that will provide her with the pass into the Big Beyond.

It seems that Billie Burke is suing husband Roland Young for divorce, though she doesn't really want it because she loves her husband, and she is forced into this divorce business by nasty Verree Teasdale.

The invisible Miss Bennett drinks a cocktail, smokes a cigarette, reads the paper, writes notes, and so on. You will be astonished.

Fortunately, she materialises herself quite frequently—to pose that svelte figure and to say amusing things with that smooth voice.

Roland Young is his usual charming, bewildered self, and Billie Burke is as scatterbrained as ever. "Topper Takes A Trip" is now having its local release in the King's Theatre.

The Story Of Vernon & Irene Castle

In the pre-war era when the popular song already had run the gamut of "sophistication"—after emerging from the sentimental yearnings of the nineties—and the songsters were declaiming "My Wife's Gone to the Country, Hooray" "Don't take Me Home" and "I'd Like to See a Little More of You," the tunesmiths and lyricists abruptly turned from declarations of domestic independence to tickling the toes with irresistible rhythms.

The refinement of these lusty gyrations and the evolution of the dance from "The Darktown Strutter's Ball" to the Maxixe and the "Rose Room Tango" point up the most interesting decade in the progress of the dance and the rhythmic formulae of the popular song of the Twentieth Century. That this development was due virtually to the efforts of one noted dancing team, which originated and set the pace for a dancing furore that kept the country literally in a whirl and on its toes awaiting the next innovation, is something more than a legend:

"The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle," with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers impersonating the Castles, bears the seal of authenticity and sincerity. Based on the biographies "My Husband" and "My Memories of Vernon Castle," by Irene Castle, the picture unfolds the career of the Castles from Vernon's first meeting with Irene Foote, daughter of a New Rochelle, N.Y., doctor, reveals Mr. Castle in his early stage work as a stooge to Lew Fields in the burlesque barbershop scene in "The Henpecks," the courtship and marriage of Vernon and Irene; traces their dancing career from that memorable night in 1912 in Paris when the dynamic dancers showed the boulevardiers of the Champs Elysees how to step to the newly introduced syncopated rhythm of "Too Much Mustard," trails them



GINGER ROGERS

through their European triumphs and whirlwind tour of the United States; through the "War down to the tragedy of the flying field at Fort Worth, Texas, when Vernon took his last tragic flight in the air maneuvers.

HOLLYWOOD LOWDOWN

Carole Lombard will star for RKO Radio Pictures in Dr. A. J. Cronin's "Vigil in the Night." Dr. Cronin will be remembered for his book the "Citadel."

James Stewart will play the lead opposite Ann Sheridan (newly proclaimed Oomph Girl) in "It All Came True" at Warner Bros.



JOHN LITEL
IN "GIVE
ME A CHILD"

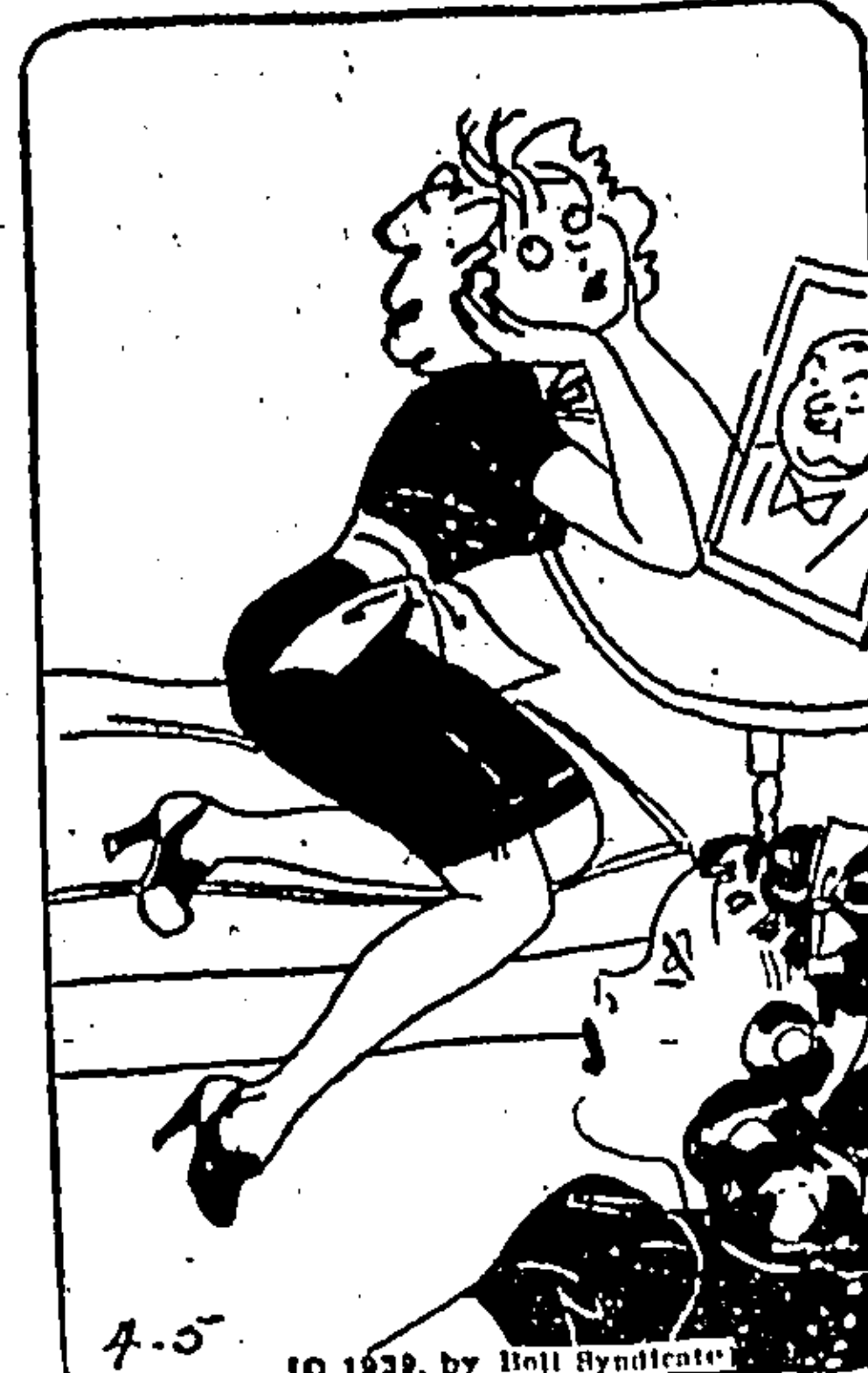
James Stewart in the lead co-starring with Jean Arthur.

Clark Gable will star in "Alaska" at Metro Goldwyn Mayer after he completes "Gone With The Wind" for United Artists. In "Alaska" he plays the role of priest, the novel is written by Addison Marshall.

Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour and Bob Hope are the stellar trio in "Road to Mandalay" which Harlan Thompson will produce at Paramount.

Columbia's Mr. Smith Goes to Washington has finally gone before the cameras with

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Claude Rains has been cast as Sir Francis Bacon in the Warner Bros. production of "The Knight and The Lady" which will co-star Errol Flynn and Bette Davis, the film will be directed by Michael (Robin Hood) Curtiz.

John Littel will play the key role of the doctor in "Give Me A Child" which Warner Bros. are producing with Geraldine Fitzgerald, Jeffrey Lynn and Gladys George as the leads.

A SELECTION OF MODELS FROM THE LATEST

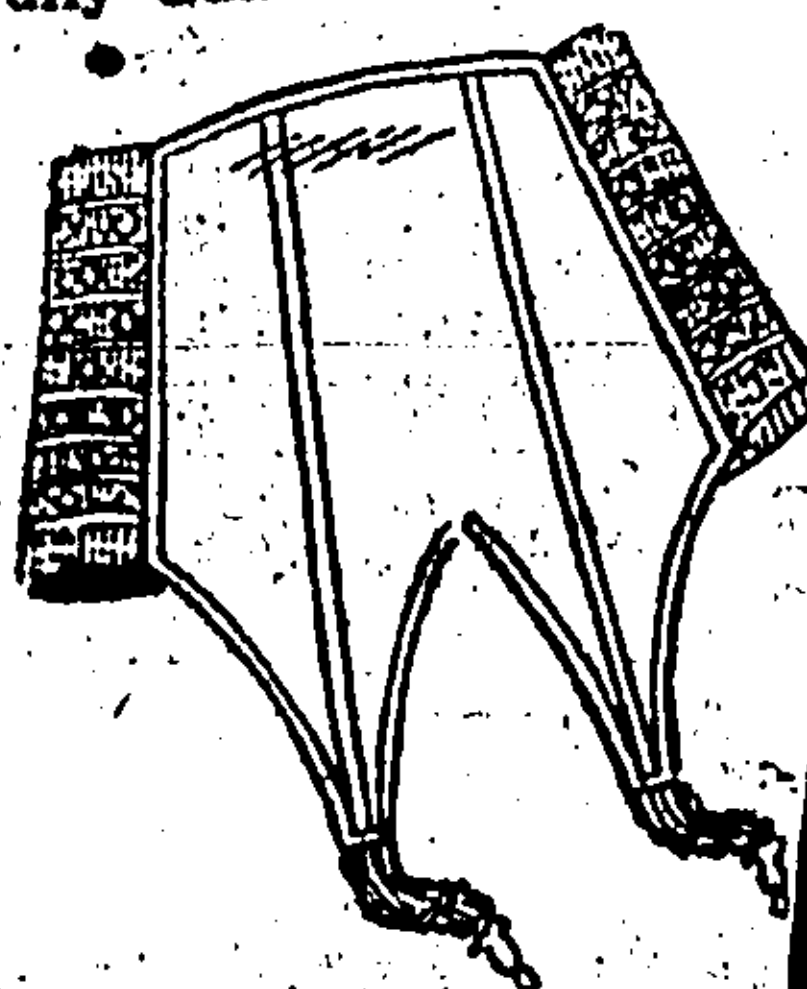
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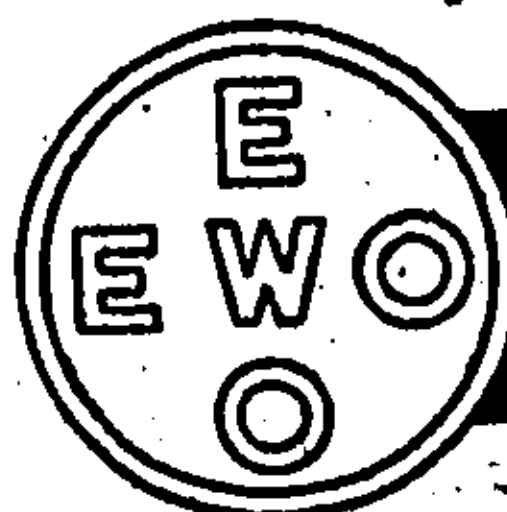
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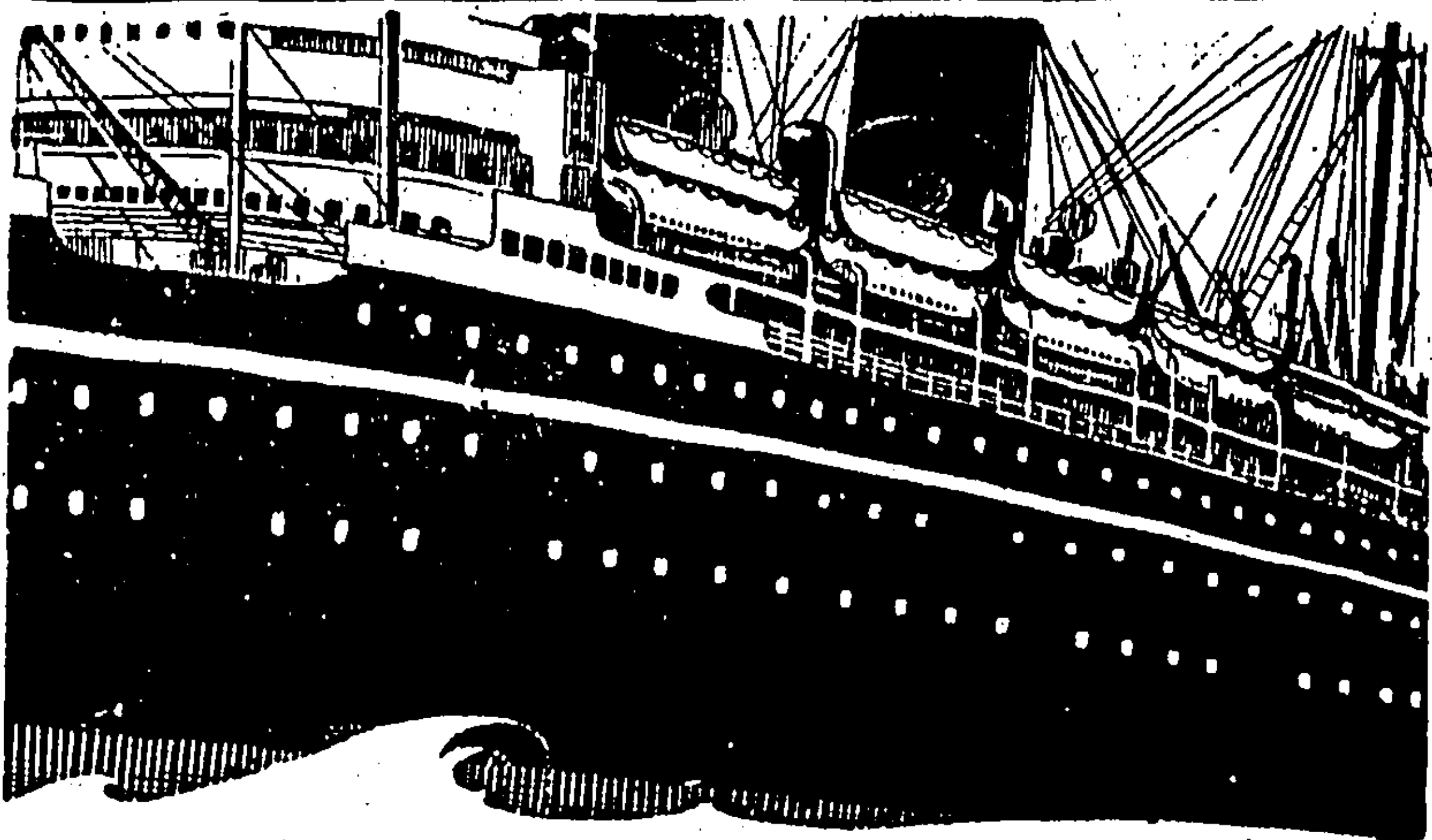


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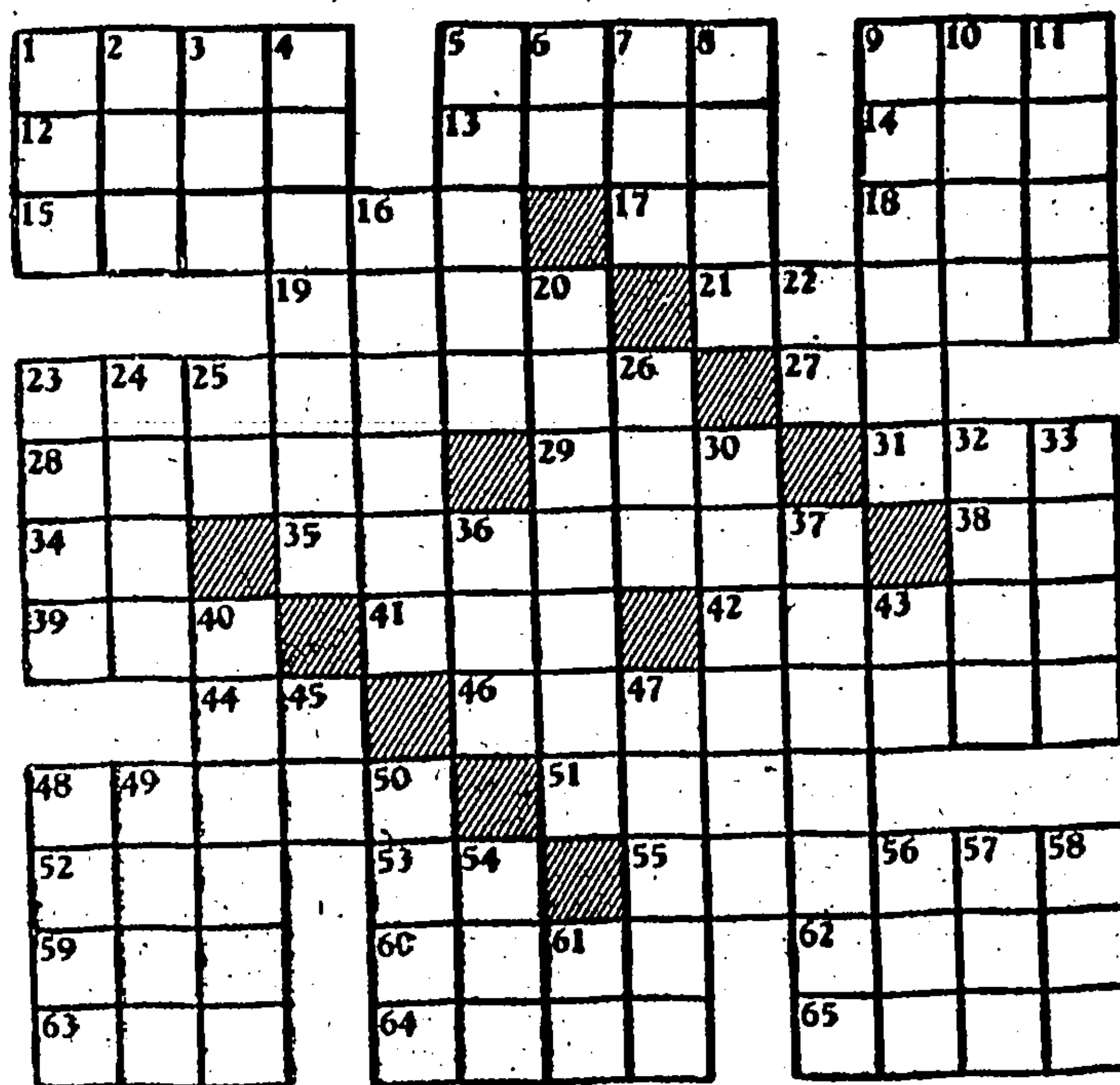
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- 1 Flavour
- 5 S. African Dutch
- 9 Kind of fish
- 12 Sandarac tree
- 13 Hodge podge
- 14 Climbing plant
- 15 Set sail
- 17 Behold
- 18 A number
- 19 Requirement
- 21 Watered silk
- 23 Made callous
- 27 Pronoun
- 28 A spirit of the air
- 29 Snake like fish
- 31 Pouch
- 34 Egyptian sun god
- 35 Fish with eel like body
- 38 Tantalum (sym.)
- 39 To attempt
- 41 Fish eggs
- 42 Genus of palms (pl.)
- 44 For example
- 45 Having a long nose
- 48 Distributed
- 51 Sea near Philippines

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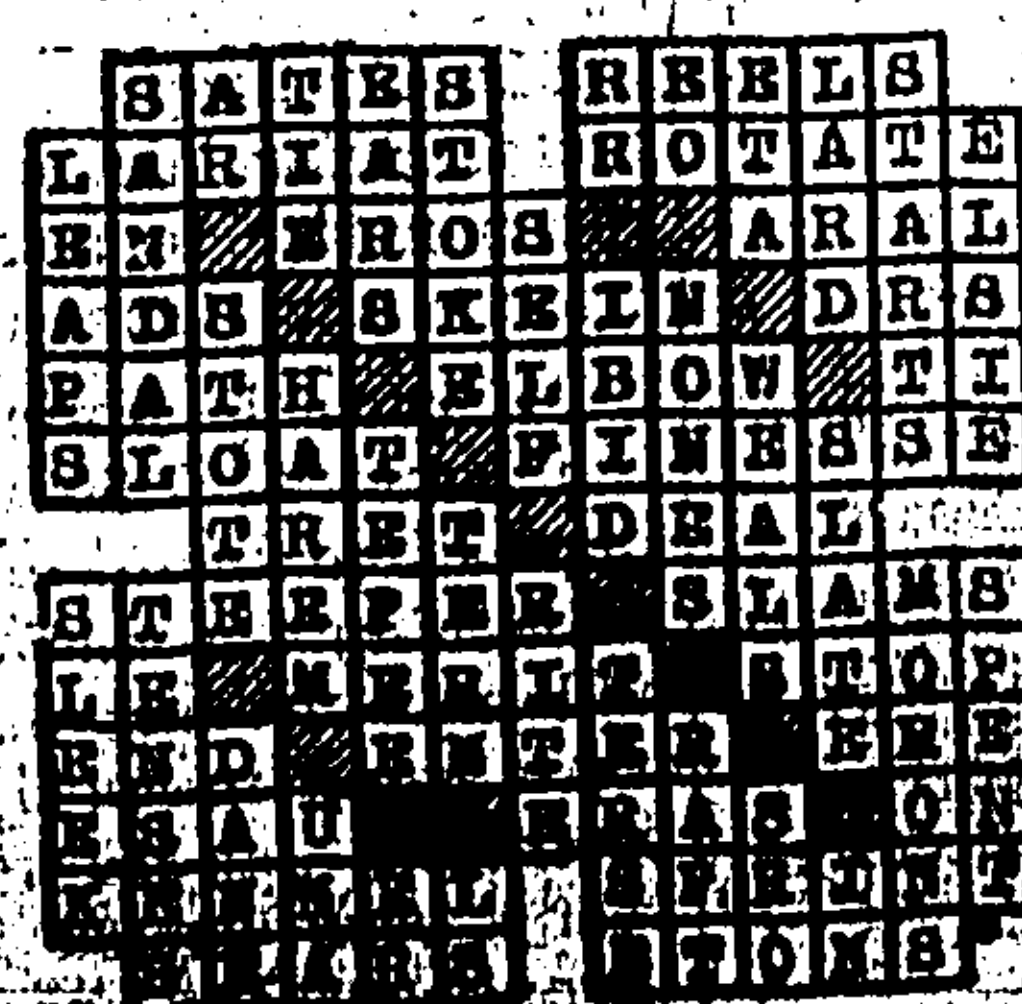
- 52 Lubricant
- 53 Belonging to
- 55 Jewish civil law
- 59 Standing room only (abbr.)
- 60 Prevaricator
- 62 Opera
- 63 Stitch
- 64 Irish Gaelic
- 65 Chess piece

VERTICAL

- 1 One (Scotch)
- 2 Prepare for war
- 3 To seize
- 4 Nobleman
- 5 Remembrance
- 6 Mulberry
- 7 To be sick
- 8 Machine for weaving
- 9 Municipality

- 10 Clear
- 11 Unit of force
- 16 Winder
- 20 Makes darker
- 22 Hindu ejaculation
- 23 Deer
- 24 Sandarac
- 25 State (abbr.)
- 26 God (Lat.)
- 30 Moon on finger nails
- 32 Mendanorian Indonesians
- 38 Money
- 38 Those (Sp.)
- 37 Concerning a title
- 40 Colour
- 43 Greek letter
- 45 Earth goddess
- 47 Near the edge
- 48 A place to sleep
- 49 Ireland
- 50 Charity
- 54 Kind of tree
- 56 Mine (Sp.)
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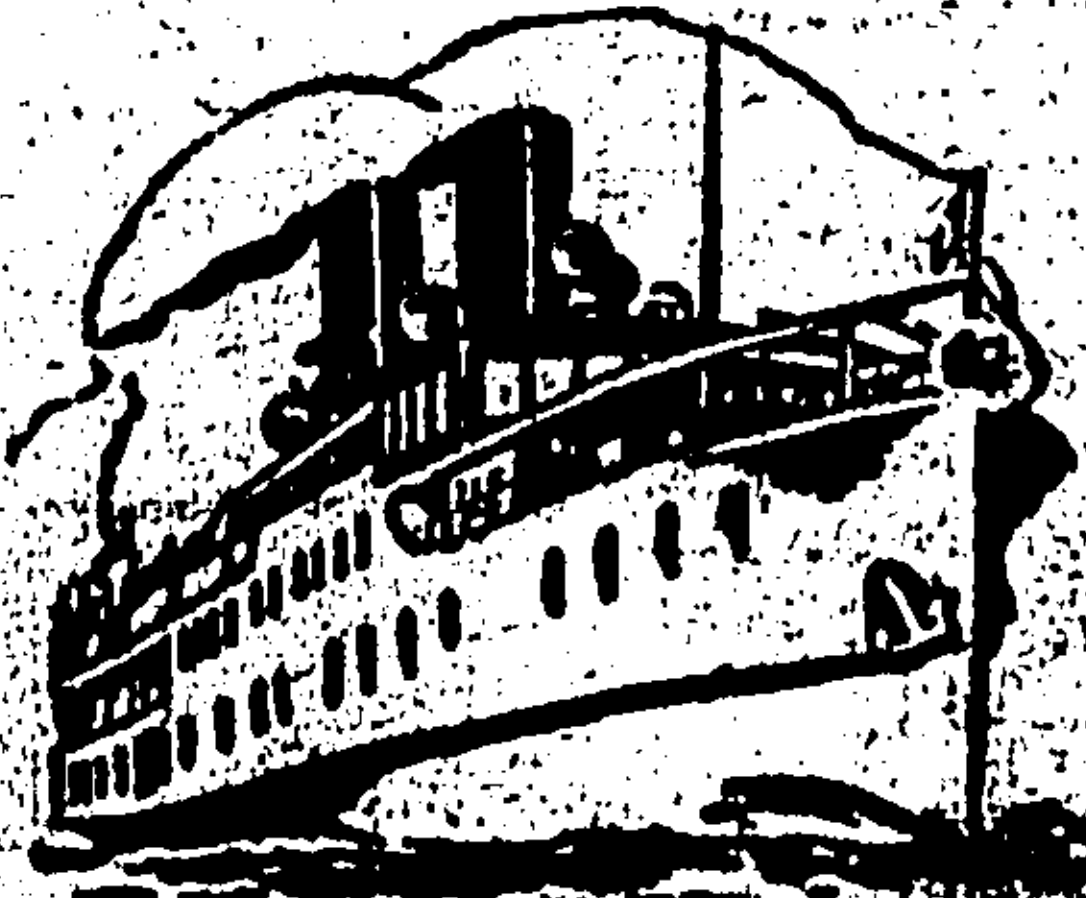
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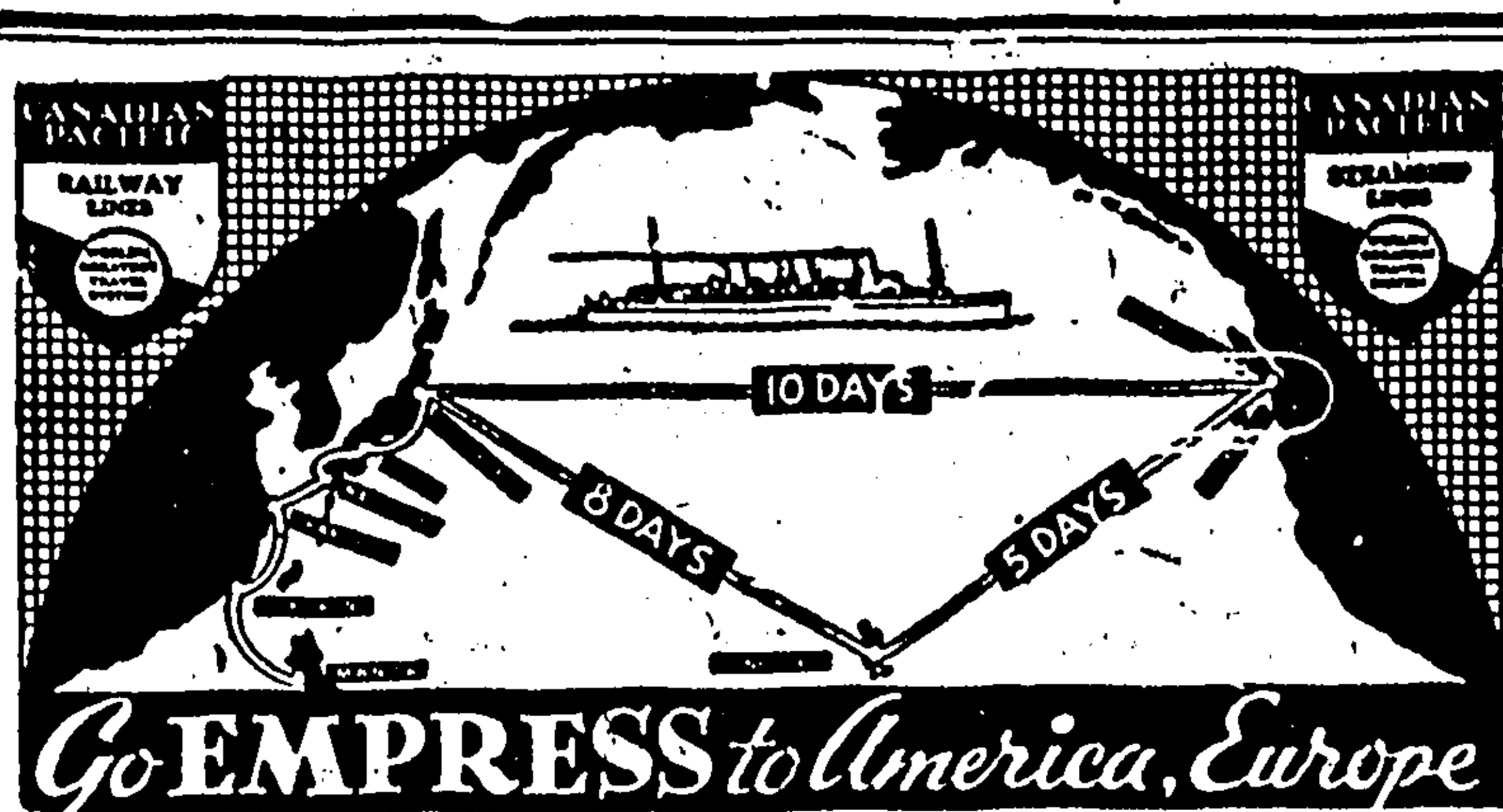
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MAYOR TO LOOK FOR TWO BRIDES

Two privates in the 2nd Batt. South Staffordshire Regiment, stationed in India, have written to the Mayor of Walsall, Alderman Patrick Collins, asking him to find "two decent working-class girls between the ages of 18 and 24 years" to become their wives.

"They must be good cooks," say the soldiers.

Alderman Collins, 80 years of age, "king of showmen," is one of the largest amusement caterers in the country.

"I have done many things in my long career," he told a reporter, "but this is the first time I have been asked to act as a matrimonial agent."

"I shall be glad to do all I can to help these young soldiers to find worthy brides. I daresay they get very lonely, being thousands of miles away from home, and long for a wife who can cook in the good old English way."

"All I can do," said Alderman Collins, "is to bring the matter to the notice of girls who may be inclined to mate for life with these boys. If they will send me details and photographs, I will do my best to place them in touch with the soldiers, and, if it leads to wedding bells, good luck to them."

POLICEWOMAN BEATS EMPIRE

Policewoman Jessie J. Clarey, of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, is to-day the proudest member of any police force in the Empire for she competed with officers in Britain, the Dominions, and the Mandated Territories for the Kings Gold Medal, awarded annually for the best police essay—and she beat the lot.

Her prize also carries a cash award of 30 guineas. The subject dealt with the causes and treatment of juvenile crime.

Another policewoman, Dora H. Constable, of Leicester, was among the "highly commendeds."

The adjudicators state that the number of entries for the competition was very much higher than usual. Indeed, it has only been exceeded on one occasion—in 1929, when the contest was initiated.

The general standard of the essays, it is added by the Home Office was "very high."

M.P. AND MALTA NEWS

Mr. Geoffrey Mander, the Liberal member for Wolverhampton E., has given notice to ask the Prime Minister in the House of Commons:

"Why a D notice was issued to the Press at 7.50 p.m. on April 10 requesting them to refrain from publishing the fact that the coastal and anti-aircraft defences in Malta were being manned, in view of the fact that the information had already been issued to the Press throughout the world from Malta and had appeared in the evening papers in London."

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Mr. Nazarin bowls a wood at the I.R.C. Sports.

RACING

Good Day's Sport Assured For Macao

(By "RAPIER")

Macao Jockey Club will hold their May Meeting on Sunday, at the Areia Preta Race Course, Macao, and judging by the satisfactory entries received, a good day's sport is assured.

There are seven events on the programme, the main feature being the Lamchen Cup, on which there is a special dollar sweep. A cup will also be presented to the Jockey who scores the most points during the day's racing.

The s.s. "Taishan" will leave Hong Kong at 9.30 a.m., returning from Macao at 6.00 p.m. the same day.

This opening race of the meeting is reserved for novice jockeys, who will be given mounts on China Ponies, subscription griffins of the Macao Jockey Club of any season that have not won more than \$500 in stakes since January

1, 1938.

Victory Life has been allotted top weight of 163 lbs., on account of its second placing to Hogmanay at the last meeting, in the Governor's Cup over the mile.

Despite this heavy burden, I still think it has a good chance of winning, if started; the real danger will come from Merry Fatty (Mr. G. W. Cooper).

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DAVIS CUP

BRITAIN AND NEW ZEALAND ALL SQUARE

London, To-day.

Honours were easy after the first two matches had been played between Great Britain and New Zealand in their Davis Cup tie which is in progress at Brighton.

C. E. Malfroy, the visiting No. 1 player, had a great tussle with young Ronald Shaves and only beat him over the full distance, the score being 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

Charles Hare, of Great Britain, levelled the scores by beating A. D. Brown quite comfortably by 6-3, 6-4, 6-3. — Reuter.

The winner of this tie will meet the winner of the China and France match, on June 6.

CARVALHO CHAMPION

The Colony Chess Championship concluded with D. E. de Carvalho winning by a narrow margin of half a point from E. Zimmern, who gave a fine display.

The final standings were as follows:

	1st Rd.	2nd Rd.	Total
D. E. Carvalho	4	4½	8½
E. Zimmern	3½	4½	8
A. Kurrik	2½	3	5½
To Yu-lau	4	1	5
Dr. M. O. Pfister	1	1½	2½
R. S. Harrison	0	½	½

This pony won the Rainton Handicap at the April meeting over six furlongs. These two should fight out the finish, with Coureur Beau (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) filling the third position.

RACE NO. 2: THE SHELFORD HANDICAP: 1¼ MILES.

This event is confined to subscription griffins of the Macao Jockey Club. Mongolian Cat will be carrying top weight of 168 lbs. but as it has not taken part in any race for some meetings, I think it should be disregarded.

Cloudy Star (Mr. Hearne) seems to me the likely winner in view of its second placing to Persian Cat in the Republican Handicap at the February meeting, but if Eagle is again ridden by Mr. P. Y. T. Wei, a close fight may be expected.

National Triumph (Mr. A. W. Raymond) should not be overlooked, as it is quite capable of creating an upset.

RACE NO. 3: THE KENNETT HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS.

This event is also confined to subscription griffins of the Macao Jockey Club. At the previous meeting, Hogmanay won the Governor's Cup over one mile, and on that account it has been penalised by 14 lbs., but as it finished many lengths in front of Victory Life, I think it will do the trick again.

Fairy Ank was unplaced at the last meeting, but, judging by its past performances, and under the control of Mr. A. W. Raymond, I expect that it will have something to say in the finish.

I nominate Hogmanay to win, with Fairy Ank second and Merry Maker third.

RACE NO. 4: THE BERKS HANDICAP: ONE MILE.

In this race for "E" Class ponies of Hong Kong Jockey Club, it would appear that Mac's Adventure, which won the Highfield Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting, is still capable of winning.

It should meet with opposition from Persian Cat, which was the winner of the Highfield Handicap (second section). I fancy Mac's Adventure to win, with Persian Cat second and Latit third.

RACE NO. 5: THE LAMCHEN CUP: ONE MILE.

This is the main event of the day, and a dollar sweep has been organised in connection with it. It will be continued on Page 25.

NOW that most of the entries are in for the annual Billiards Championships, it is possible to gain a more accurate picture of what is likely to happen.

Royal Engineers remain favourites for the Garrison League as they have only entered one team and will be able to concentrate the cream of their players in that side. In the Garrison Challenge Cup and Soldiers' Club Tournament they have entered one side from 22nd Company and one from 40th Company.

The entries for the Individual Billiards and Snooker championships are too numerous to deal with individually but some of the old hands have again entered.

L/C. Bergin of the Scots has entered only for the Billiards Championship. He may not get so far this year as last. I thought he was rather fortunate to reach the final last season, he had an easy passage through the earlier rounds, and when he eventually appeared in the last round, proved no match for Cpl. Thomas, R. E.

IMPETURABLE THOMAS

Thomas is rather an exceptional player for this season where there are so few really good players at the moment. It is said that when he is playing a match it would take an earthquake to disturb him! He certainly gives that impression when in play no matter how badly his luck is running. Pte. Fowler, who is just about the best snooker player in the Scots, has again entered. I have not been able to see him play but am told that he is "hot."

The Corps of Military Police have entered for the various competitions and will include in their team two "old timers," Cpl. Winston and Sgt. Smith. Sgt. Smith is a very steady type of player and can always be depended upon to hold on and take full advantage of any lapses in form by his opponent. A few years back, Cpl. Winston was a regular hundred "breaker," and although he is not quite so good now, is a useful man to have in any side. "Lofty" McLea will also be in the side, but only just, having struck a bad patch recently.

CYCLING RECRUIT

Hong Kong Cycling Club is having a lean time at the moment despite their ambitious efforts. Keates, their leading performer, is really quite a good cyclist and has won some high class races in Northern Ireland and England. Several of their more enthusiastic members have left for home and since the departure of the East Lancastrians in 1934 the membership has not been up to scratch. "Lick-tock" Etcock is the latest recruit and judging by his performances during practice spins will soon be among the prize winners.

McDowell and O'Donerty of K.A.S.C. have been loyal supporters of the Club, and, together with Keates and Etcock, make an effective combination which would be a tough proposition for any other four in the Colony.

SCOTS' LOSSES

The Scots are going to be extremely hard hit by departures for home before the commencement of next football season. Although some of them may possibly be available for the early matches, it is expected that Hossack, Naysmith, MacDonald, Brown and Clark of the first team will be absentees. Five players lost in one season is a big handicap to any side and unless there is some more material in this season's drafts Scots are likely to be hard pressed. Several members of the Junior sides will also be leaving, including Keane, Kane, Gilroy, MacDougall, Fraser and Crawford.

I do not want to be rude, but English international football this season has been only another name for "English forward play." In all three matches, H. B. Toft, D. E. Teden, R. M. Marshall, T. F. Huskisson, and the rest of them had to bear practically the whole burden. How they did it will not be soon forgotten, and in the Welsh and Scottish matches they had their reward. But this poor back play is all frightfully disconcerting, as it has been for a few seasons now. It is grossly unfair, I think, to blame the selectors. It is all very well to say now that "A" or "B" would have done better than those who took their places. But what evidence was there that they would even probably have done so? None, in my opinion. We just have not got the backs; there's an end of it.—D. R. Guest.

MACAO RACES

(Continued from Page 22)

peted for by "D" Class China Ponies of Hong Kong Jockey Club, with the following probable starters: — Dekko (Mrs. P. Y. T. Wei), Double Chance (Mr. Raymond), Gold Coin (Mr. F. F. Li), Gold Sovereign (Mr. S. C. Liang), Lancashire Chap (Mr. S. W. Lee), National Anthem (Mr. Payne), Plain View (Mr. Pih), Radium Star (Mr. Pan) and Royal Highness (Mr. P. L. Chiu).

For winning the Fulwell Handicap at the last meeting, Double Chance will have to carry top weight of 168 lbs., and, in view of its poor showing at the valley last Saturday, I don't think it can win here.

I rather like Dekko, which ran fourth in the Taimoshan Handicap (first section), with Plain View giving it a close fight. I expect to see Dekko passing the winning post first, Plain View second and Gold Sovereign third.

RACE NO. 6: THE NEWBURY PLATE: ONCE ROUND.

This race will feature the griffins and subscription griffins of Hong Kong Jockey Club of this season, winners of \$500 or more in stakes being barred.

Some Hope, ridden by Mr. Encarnacao last Saturday, won the Hunchbacks Plate over six furlongs, for which it will be called upon to carry the colossal burden of 172 lbs. I think it can safely be left out of the reckoning.

Charcoal, (Mr. Wei) which won the

BOXING

TARLETON OUTPOINTS CHAMPION

London, To-day.—Nelson Tarleton, former British featherweight champion, outpointed Spider Kelly, British and Empire featherweight champion over 12 rounds. Tarleton had a big points lead after the first eight rounds but thereafter Kelly took command. Tarleton was down for a count of eight in the ninth round and nine in the eleventh round, but was able to keep the lead.—Reuter.

Bendigo Handicap last meeting over six furlongs, and Pall Mall should share the honours in betting, but Annas Bay (Mr. S. L. Yuen) will also have to be considered.

At any rate, these three should fight out the finish, with my choice Pall Mall.

RACE NO. 7: THE CONSOLATION STAKE: HALF A MILE.

This is a post-entry race so I will leave my readers to try and pick the winner after having seen the ponies run in the previous events.

Pull Also Counts

By BEST BALL

The left hand starts pulling the club down from the top of the stroke in response to the turn of the left hip to the left. This creates a strain up the left side through the left arm which is only relieved by the left hand and arm descending. One should not jump to the conclusion however that at this point the left arm ceases its pulling power. The pull from the top of the stroke has been likened to the tug on a bell cord downward and this likeness should be continued until the hitting stage is reached.

At this point the right hand, which has been mildly abetting the left in its descent with the clubhead, takes an active part in the proceedings. The wrists uncock, greatly increasing the momentum of the clubhead. The increase in clubhead speed is instantly sensed and the reaction is like that of a car to a sudden increase of pressure on the accelerator. The left hand continues to exert a pull although at this precise instant it is largely aiding the right wrist to unflex and move the clubhead that much faster. Should it cease its job entirely, the right hand would cause the clubhead to cut across the ball from the outside in when

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NORTHERN OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thrilling M'Lean-Thomson Duel Ends In Tie

Aggregate Of 285 Lowest In History Of Event

Buchanan Castle Player's Brilliant Third Round

London, April 28. — The old rivalry between Hector Thomson and Jack M'Lean blazed up again in the Northern Open tournament here to-day, and staged a thriller of a finish, in which they tied with aggregates of 285, which is the lowest total recorded in the nine years since the event started.

To-morrow they will play off over 18 holes, and we are certain of a card and pencil duel of exceptional interest.

These men have been news for several years in international golf, and though they have been rivals on many fields, they have never before figured in a straight man-to-man all out score test on these lines. Their Scottish and Irish Open Championship finals of a few years back made memorable matches, and Thomson used both of them to outstrip his friend and rival, who, until then, had been Scotland's No. 1 amateur.

Even thumbnail biography is unnecessary in this case of two such well-known players, who have represented both Britain and Scotland, but they have met here under new circumstances, with M'Lean in the role of professional. Since he changed his status M'Lean has undergone a marked form lag, but he came right back to his best to-day, when, in the third round, he did a magnificent record-breaking 67, and made up four strokes to draw level with Thomson.

The whole thing became, in effect, a two men tournament. Nobody else seemed to have an earthly chance, for Thomson and M'Lean, with three rounds aggregates of 213, were five strokes ahead of their nearest challenger, with eighteen holes to play.

The last round kept two crowds glued to their man; some magnetised by M'Lean's morning scintillation; others backing the phlegmatic and consistent Thomson, who had already strung three 71s together. M'Lean, by the luck of the draw, had the chance to set the pace, and thoroughly dramatic ups and downs developed.

Where M'Lean Faltered

Both were at the turn in 37, M'Lean fell one behind at the tenth, but was actually one ahead on the figures with four holes to go.

The story boils down essentially after all, however, to the eighteenth, or 72nd hole, where M'Lean took three putts when two would have put him high and dry as the winner.

His second to this hole of 477 yards was played with an iron, which is a complete confirmation of the clubhouse flag sign of the wind change from yesterday, and even from this morning. It was right behind the players at the home hole, and stronger than in the third round. After a gloriously-placed

drive, he put his second ten yards to the left of the flag, and then, to the amazement of the crowd and the disgust of himself, he hit his approach putt two yards short, and took a five. That extra putt made the vital difference.

Half an hour later Thomson came along, and played, like M'Lean, two great strokes out of the book to the green. But he made no mistake with his approach putt, also ten yards from the other side of the green. He struck it beautifully, and his next was a tap in for a 4 to tie.

The old friends and rivals chaffed each other at the finish. "I had to give the lad a break," said M'Lean, as he linked arms with Thomson, and both went into the clubhouse laughing.

The surprise packet of the proceedings was Ian Macpherson, the 22-year-old Elgin golfer, who is now assistant to Tom Dobson at East Renfrewshire, and who, after a final round of 69, finished two strokes behind the joint leaders. Otherwise the field has an "also ran" look, for no competitor finished within half a dozen strokes of Macpherson.

Remarkable Experience

Macpherson, threw his bright and shining spanner into the works early in the final round with his 69, which gave him an aggregate of 287, leaving Thomson and M'Lean probable 71s to tie. This brilliant intervention by the son of the Elgin greenkeeper was, no doubt, helped by his local knowledge, for he began as assistant on this course.

With 35 out and 34 back. It contained some good putts, one or two missed short ones, and a remarkable experience that ended in a 3 at the tenth, a hole of over 500 yards. Even with the aid of the wind, it would have been a remarkable figure by orthodox driving into whins, got out, and then holed a full No. 7 iron stroke.

He holed out on the last green almost unnoticed. Interest was focused on the two principals.

M'Lean, after picking up a 2 at the fourth, made a bad mistake, for the nine hole, cost him 6, after a bunker and a missed putt of two feet, but he fought grandly for the figures after a 5 at the tenth, and his 3s at the fourteenth and fifteenth, gave him the big chance, which, however, was missed at the last gasp on the home green. He finished in 72.

Thomson did his figure-fighting, too. At both sixth and tenth holes he blasted recoveries out of bunkers to get a 4 in each case, and though he dropped a stroke at the fourth, his ball was buried, and hardly visible in the bunker. His second to the thirteenth, from a hanging lie, was magnificent, though he missed the eight feet putt for a 3.

At the next hole his ball was in a pitch mark on the green, but he jumped it out, and then missed a putt of four feet. In the end he had two 4s to get to tie, and I have narrated how he did it in the end. His round also was 72.

THE CRITICAL THIRD ROUND

Jack M'Lean gave the tournament story a dramatic twist in this morning's critical round, the round, as they say that finds them out. Playing clock-work golf, with the precision we used to see when he was the most consistent amateur in Britain, he went round in a record-breaking 67. The previous lowest score for this course was James M'Dowall's 68.

The calmer, warmer weather made things easier generally, but nobody so brilliantly harnessed conditions to their needs as M'Lean did in one of the best competition rounds ever played on a Scottish course. Before I write some brief impressions of the record-breaking figures, I must briefly show the other Thomson challengers of the scene. Beagrie, the young Cruden Bay player, now teaching in a Glasgow store, and Andrew Dowie, Walker Cup trialist of last year, both did 74, and fell 2 strokes further behind. Beagrie, save for weak chips that gave him 5s at the second and third holes, played steadily to go out in 36, with 2 at the sixth but steadiness was not enough.

Dowie might have managed more then steadiness had quite a number of putts dropped, as they nearly did, but he had two 6s, including one at the eighteenth, where he was in the rough from the tee, and put his second through the green and on to the gravel under the clubhouse windows.

Don did 73 to share the 219 bracket, after being beaten by the greens in several instances, including the eighteenth, where he poked a putt of about four feet off the line. Robert Neill, one of the Western district's prominent amateurs, failed to respond to a wonderful start of one putt on four of the first five greens and had a 73 for 220; and Ballingall, taking 76, further emphasised that the guilt was with the players and not the putting surfaces.

M'Lean putted more like his best self, and, frankly, reacting to the warmer weather and the incentive of coming up from behind he went out all eagerness, but striking the ball with an almost automatic ease. His iron play, which has troubled him off and on for some time, was superb, and he nearly holed his tee stroke at the fourth, and his pitch to the seventeenth.

His One 5

His only mistakes were made at the thirteenth, where he took his one 5 of the round, and at the fifteenth, where he pitched sort and had to hole a stiff putt for his 4. At the thirteenth, the long uphill hole, he did not get enough lift on his spoon stroke, and it shot about 15 yards over the green, and, for the first time in seven rounds since he came here, he failed at the fifteenth to get a 3.

Here are his figures:—

Out — 4 4 4 2 4 3 4 4 — 33

In — 4 3 4 5 3 4 4 3 4 — 34

When he cracked a picture of a spoon to the home green, four yards to the right of the hole, his 4 for the record was practically assured. M'Lean, now right on his toes, went for the 3, hit the ball, and was applauded when he put down the next.

Meantime, rumour was making things even more exciting with news of Thomson, who was coming along half an hour behind M'Lean. They said he was having trouble with his putter, and what with this and that he was fatally opening the door. The best commentary on all that is that Thomson did another 71, his third in succession, which, considering that he was trying to hold his overnight lead hunted by the pack, was a perfectly respectable score for this critical stage of events.

Thomson did miss a yard putt for a 2 at the fourth, after holding quite a whale at the third, but he was out in 36, taking pains and time over his putts. His only real break was at the tenth where he drove into a bunker, put his third into a bunker, and had a 6, but despite that, and a

where he took a 5, he covered the second nine in 36, making the hole green (477 yards), where bigger and stronger players were taking two woods, with a drive and an iron.

When he heard of his friend M'Lean's 67 he said in frank admiration, "Isn't that good. That will give you something to write home about."

How They Finished

The following are the leading returns showing the details of the four rounds:—

Jack M'Lean (Buchanan Castle)	72	74	67	72	285
Mr. Hector Thomson (Williamwood)	71	71	71	72	285
Ian Macpherson (E. Renfrew)	75	73	70	69	287
Peter Macquenn (Bearsden)	76	74	73	70	293
J. H. Ballingall (Balmore)	70	76	76	72	294
J. N. Beagrie (unattached)	74	71	74	75	294
William Cattell (Cruden Bay)	76	76	70	73	295
Mr. R. Neill (Troon)	73	74	73	75	295
W. Spark (Lanark)	74	74	77	71	296
G. Durward (Banchory)	76	78	70	72	296
Wm. Don (Duff House Royal)	69	77	73	78	297
Mr. A. Dowie (St. Andrews)	75	70	74	79	298
John Campbell (Balmagask)	75	78	74	71	298
J. K. Jaffrey, jun. (Deeside)	74	83	72	70	299
W. Orr (Gourock)	76	73	71	74	299

The following show the aggregate for the first two rounds and the details of the last two:—

Don Sutherland (Vancouver)	150	76	74	300
W. Anderson (Murear)	154	73	73	300
Mr. Jack Pressley (Fraserburgh)	153	77	71	301
Magk Seymour (unattached)	150	75	76	301
W. M. Hastings (Barassie)	150	78	73	301
Mr. D. Cameron (Kirkintilloch)	148	79	74	301
H. Murray (Hawick)	153	74	76	303

HOME CRICKET

Brilliant Bowling Feats

Thanks to some really brilliant bowling by Wellard, who took 10 wickets in the course of the match for 130 runs, Somerset scored a very fine victory over Sussex in the County cricket championship, by 9 wickets.

It was a low-scoring match.

Oxford University fared very badly at the hands of Derbyshire whose powerful bowling proved far too good for the undergraduates.

Copson was unplayable, returning the remarkable figures of 5 for 12 and 5 for 9. Alfred Pope also helped himself to some cheap wickets in Oxford's second innings, when he took 5 for 30 to assist Copson to skittle University out for a meagre 47.

At Oxford, Oxford University lost to Derbyshire by 163 runs. Derbyshire—210 (McIndoe 4 for 65) and 72 (S. Pether 5 for 7). Oxford—72 (Copson 5 for 12) and 47 (Copson 5 for 9, Alfred Pope 5 for 30).

At Hove, Somerset beat Sussex by 9 wickets. Sussex—178 (Wellard 6 for 67) and 158 (Wellard 4 for 68). Somerset—250 (J. Cornford 5 for 84) and 84 for 1—Baker.



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"SKIP'S" LAWN BOWLS NOTES**I.R.C. CAUSE MAJOR UPSET BY VICTORY OVER K.B.G.C.***Recreio Display Good Form To Overcome Police***KOWLOON B.G.C. HAS UNHAPPY DISTINCTION!**

After failing badly for the previous three weeks, the mythical clerk of the weather made full amends by providing a perfect day last Saturday and the lawn bowls League programme began in earnest.

Although the results panned out as expected, for the most part, the Indians, who have never been noted for their prowess in away matches, caused the major upset of the day by beating Kowloon Bowling Green Club at Austin Road.

That there was no fluke about it was proved by the fact that they were up on two of the rinks and were able to tie on the other.

K.B.G.C. who lost away to Craigengower, as expected, in the Second Division, had the unhappy distinction of completing the triple as the third team went down badly to Hong Kong Football Club's second string.

Pride of place in my comments must be given to Club de Recreio, who displayed good form to overcome Police at the Valley by over a score of shots.

Dick Alves had the biggest win in getting the better of Wally Mair by some 17 shots and he was full value for the victory.

His rink appears to be a very strong one; the Luz brothers are in it and 'Doc' Guterres as number two is a player who has been improving for the last two seasons and has earned his promotion to the first team.

Although the home rink had a run of four successful heads towards the end of the game, it can be said that the Police rink was outplayed. Neither 'Jock' Fender nor the skip were up to form which made the task of the visitors more easy.

There was a different story to tell of the game between Joe Carey and Carlos Silva, for it was the latter who was up against it for a long time due in a large measure to the consistency of J. Shepherd and to the brilliance of the home skip who was right on his game.

Seven shots to one in the last six heads just turned the scales in favour of the visiting skip to make all rinks up, as F. X. Silva's men had a slight edge on their opponents. The winners were in the lead all the way through in spite of some splendid play by the Police skip, J. Orem.

Not Good Enough

Kowloon Docks put out a more than useful side against Craigengower but their best was not good enough and the visitors ran away with the points, and in so doing, recorded the highest win of the day.

"U. M." was in great form against Johnny Brown and with good support from his men literally outplayed the opposition. Willie Ward, a newly promoted player, I believe, fully justified his place in this match.

Sammy Gray and "B. W. B." as he is affectionately called, had a rather peculiar game until the interval, when there was only one team in it and that the visitors!

Trailing at that stage 8-12, the Valley men allowed the enemy to score only a couple of singles subsequently and ran out victors by no less than 15 shots. Fred Cullen led by 11 shots to 4 against Bala, but his men could not sustain the pressure and finished half a dozen to the bad.

At Austin Road, where the Indians beat the home men, I hear that Dallah played a wonderful game against Bob Duncan and really deserved his win; in the last six or seven heads the home team were invariably lying a shot or two but the visiting skip pulled one out of the bag every time to turn what at one time looked like a defeat, into a great victory.

Adam Holland did remarkably well to pull his game out of the fire after being down 1-13 at one time and a tie was a fair result for this game.

M. R. Abbas and Willie Macfarlane were peeling at eleven all but after that the Indian representative dominated the game and won by ten shots.

Best Fight

F. X. Soares, who had such a successful season last year, put up the best fight in the game between Kowloon Cricket Club and the Club de Recreio's "B" team and he might well have won but for a very fine game on the part of Hughie Nish, playing as third men to Frank Goodwin.

The visiting four got away to a flying start which the Recreio rink had overtaken before the tea interval, but, having got their second wind, so to speak, during the repast, they secured a small victory. Goodwin achieved some good shots but had little support from his two front men, "Labby" and Jack Brown.

The two brothers Basto, "J. J." and "B. B." both suffered heavy defeats but here again received very little assistance from their earlier players. Of the former's four, both the lead and number two were not physically fit to play whilst "Chico" Ribeiro was not in form, with the result that the skip was asked to do too much.

This is not meant to belittle Teddy Fincher's win in any way, for he would have won had the opposition been a good deal stronger, I think. Willie Hyde was good and bad in parts, Tommy Madar was only good and the foundation which these two laid, left but little for the other two players to do. Hubert Overy, who gave the impression that he was out of practice, a fact which I have since confirmed, got some good ones in, if a trifle fortunate, whilst all that his skip had to do for the most part was to put in blockers.

George Lee and Charlie Vas had a rare tussle as leads in the next rink and honours were about even after a brilliant display of Number One's play, and with W. Mulcahy consolidating the position, little constructive play was needed from Jimmy Hyde and his skip.

A COUPLE OF MILD GROUSES

A couple of mild Grouses!

Firstly, an appeal is made to Number Two's to mark their cards clearly and legibly, and to give the initials of players participating: this will help the editorial staff on Saturday evenings when you and I are going over the game again at the "19th".

Secondly, it must be emphasised that with a four o'clock start for League games, it is essential that a commencement is made promptly. Even ten minutes delay means at least a head to be played in falling light. Teams should be drawn for by the respective captains by 3.50 p.m. at the latest.



H. NISH—played a very fine game on Saturday.

SECOND DIVISION**W.J. Reid A Hankow Interporter**

The biggest surprise in the Second Division was the defeat of the Kowloon Footballers at Chatham Road; only Tommy Fergusson was able to hold the invaders and his was but a narrow win over Bill Hillyer.

After a close struggle, Syd Eccle shall get the better of W. V. Field, who had such a great season last year, by half a dozen shots, but Joe Gibson's rink, which looked to be the strongest of the three, could do nothing against Bagley's four, and, losing a couple of nap hands, finished a long long trail with a deficit of 20 points.

The visitors played well to a man but the homesters were disappointing for the most part.

Winning skip in the Third Division last year, "Spud" Spary showed that he has lost none of his skill by trouncing Arnold Brooksbank when H.K. Football Club went over to Kowloon Tong to cross swords with the Garden Citizens.

Little can be said except that the losers were outplayed; as their scoring on only five of the heads indicates.

W. J. Reid, who played as third man to Brooksbank, has, I am given to understand, represented Hankow but I am unable to verify this at the moment.

Jake Selby was down 3-12 at the seventh end but his men then got the hang of the green to the extent of virtually blanking out the opposition and chalking up 20 shots to 2. A wonderful recovery!

Norman Bebbington was never in danger of losing to Harry Gittins, whom, I noticed, had W. J. Howard, the former Craigengower player, as his number three.

Good Performance

Talkoo achieved a good performance in beating the Police team down at the Valley, two rinks contributing to the

THIRD DIVISION**PETHERICK'S RINK BEATS H.K. E.R.C.**

Kowloon Football Club began well by beating Hong Kong Electric Club although they had to depend on V. Petherick's rink to retain the points, as, the other two, skipped by Peter Morgan, late of Hong Kong Football Club, and Champelovier, another ex-Valleyite, lost by small margins.

Bert Muskett began well against the latter and a six early on gave him a useful lead which the home four, by consistent play towards the finish, managed to reduce to only three.

Peter Morgan, drawn against the left-handed Sloan, was always in arrears but eight in two heads improved matters considerably.

Vivian Petherick, on the other hand, was always sitting pretty against Louis de Rome.

After their good victory at home the previous Saturday I rather expected Kowloon Cricket Club to swamp the Yachtsmen but they managed to win on only one rink, that skipped by Tom Carr, who scored a six on the last head against "Jimmy" Wild.

This big count gave the visiting skip a win by nearly 20 shots, which was more than enough to carry the small losses sustained by Jimmy Jack and Jack Hirst.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club surprisingly lost to H.K. Football Club's second string, only P. J. A. Hamilton winning, and that by a great drive towards the finish which left him with a nap hand.

Incidentally he was the only skip in the three Kowloon Bowling Green Club teams to record a win.

Pegg and Lockhart, after each had secured a five count, finished level pegs (sorry!) but Jack Watson had a severe trouncing from "Jock" Russell who led by 9 shots to nil after only 4 heads.

Club de Recreio were all over Craigengower Club at the Valley, O. P. Remedios again shining, as did C. A.

favourable result.

Jimmy Chalmers had a useful win over George Moss for whom big 'Jock' McWalter turned out again after a considerable absence from the game. D. Munro was able to get the advantage over Alexander but Bill Hollands secured an outstanding victory, though not one of great magnitude, in overcoming Bob Wallace.

The Craigengower team gave Kowloon Bowling Green Club a good beating, as was anticipated, and they were always full value for their win. Up by some 20 shots at the interval, they increased this slightly before the finish. Bill Way and Joe Meyer had their usual tight game, with the former emerging winner by reason of a very fine four on the last head, Dr. Karanjia putting in a couple of beauties in the semi-darkness.

On the end-rink the visitors introduced a new player in H. White, who has represented Hampshire at home and he played a splendid game as lead to Tommy Armstrong. In spite of having this advantage in leads, the visitors were beaten lower down in the rink, with Marcus catching most of the limelight by some uncanny play.

His opponent had an off day and was unlucky in giving two or three shots away. Jack Cavanagh played his usual steady game and needed to be at his best as Ted Thompson was in good form. He did well to keep the defeat down to eight.

"Casual-Like" And Other London Relays

To-day's Wireless

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Tino Rossi (Vocal) and the Orchestre Napolitain.
A Frangese (Mario Costa); Souvenir De Pausilippe (Godfrey Andolfi).... Orchestre Napolitain.
La Serenade A Lena (from the revue 'Parade Du Monde').... Tino Rossi (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Chant De Sirene (Volpatti, Jr.); Napoli—Tarantelle (Mezzacapo).... Orchestre Napolitain.
Aux Iles D'Amour—Tango Chante (film 'Lumieres de Paris'); El Danzon—Rumba Chante (film 'Lumieres de Paris').... Tino Rossi (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Vesuviana, Tarantella (Marchetti); Notte Sul Mare, Barcarolle (Valente).... Orchestre Napolitain.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Grieg—Sonata in C Minor, Op. 45...Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Winnie Melville, Raymond Newell and Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
Drinking Song (Schumann)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra and Male Quartet.
Life's Great Sunset (Adams); For England (Brandon-Murray)... Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Instrumental Accompaniment.

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Jollity On The Mountains—Waltz (Fetras); Viennese Singing Birds—Waltz (Translatore)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Sleep On ('Helen')—Offenbach, arr. Korngold; My Man (Adams)... Winnie Melville (Soprano) with Orchestra.
"Count Of Luxembourg" Waltz (Lehar); "The Merry Widow" Waltz (Lehar)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) I Hadn't anyone until you; (b) Miss Anabella Brown; (c) My Reverie; (d) Listen to the Mocking Bird.
6.14 p.m.—Record: When The Swallows Nest Again (Stevens & Edmund); Sweetheart, Let's Grow Old Together (Edwards)... Kitty Masters (Vocal) with Orchestra.
6.21 p.m.—(a) Change Partners; (b) Your eyes have told me so; (c) Dream of Love; (d) Swingtime in Honolulu.
6.35 p.m.—Records: Jammin'—Quickstep (film 'Turn off the Moon'); Sweet Heartache—Slow Fox-Trot (film 'The Hit Parade').... Gerry Moore (Piano).
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'Der Kongress Tanz')... The Melody Gents (Vocal) with Orchestra.
6.44 p.m.—(a) Heart and Soul; (b) Flat Foot Floogie; (c) Rhythm; (d) Liza.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Debussy—"Dances" and Other Compositions.
Sarabande... Boston Symphony Orchestra cond. by Serge Koussevitsky.
La Cathedrale Engloutie, Prelude No. 10... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).
"Dances"—No. 1 Danse Sacree; No. 2 Danse Profane... Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orch.
Etude XI Pour Les Arpes Composes... Vladimir Horowitz (Piano).
Menuet... Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp. by N. Mednikoff.
Arabesque No. 1... Mildred Dilling (Harp).
7.33 p.m.—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
Eight Russian Folk Dances (Lia-dow):—No. 1 Religious Chant; No. 2 Christmas Carol—Kolyada Male-da; No. 3 Plaintive Melody; No. 4 Humorous Song—The Buzzing and Biting of the Gnat; No. 5 Legend of the Birds; No. 6 Cradle Song; No. 7 A Round Dance; No. 8 Village Dance Song.
Damon And Delilah—Bacchanale (Saint-Saens).
Tales From The Vienna Woods—Waltz (Johann Strauss).
Blue Danube—Waltz (Johann Strauss).
...conducted by Leopold Stokowski.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—London Relay—"Under Big Ben", by Howard Marshall.
8.15 p.m.—New Light Variety.

Vocal—Minstrel Memories (Christy Minstrel Days) (Gatty)... The Minstrel Singers with Banjo Band.
Vocal—Giddy Up (film 'Keep Smiling'); Swing Your Way To Happiness (film 'Keep Smiling').... Gracie Fields with Orchestra.
Vocal—Grandma Said (Magidson-Wrubel); I Have Eyes (film 'Paris Honeymoon').... "Hutch" & His Charm Music.
Dance Orch.—Triguena—Rumba... Alfredo Brito & His Orchestra.
Vocal—A Garden In Granada (Vasilescu); Goodbye To Summer (Botterill-Phillips)... Cavan O'Connor (The Vagabond Lover) with Orch.
8.45 p.m.—Chausson—Poeme, Op. 25.
Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Orchestre Symphonique de Paris conducted by Georges Enesco.
9.02 p.m.—Next week's programmes.
9.06 p.m.—Orchestral.
Overture "Masaniello" (Auber)... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—More Food for Thought.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.
Dainty Debutante (C. Scott Wood).
Damsel In Distress—Selection.
Medley. Intro: Hometown; Moon at Sea; You're here, you're there.
10 p.m.—London Relay—"Casual-Like".
An informal radio show with Janet Lind; Alec McGill and Gwen Banghan; Edward Cooper; Charles Everett; Rae Jenkins and His Music. Presented by Douglas Moodie.
10.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Dust", by W. Gracie-Holder (author of The Time Factor, The Wraith, etc.).
Characters: Clem Farley, an Oklahoma farmer; Mary, his wife; Dan Gatfield, also a farmer. Production by Howard Rose.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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 ♣ 9 5
 ♠ 8 3
 ♥ 10 5
 ♦ 10 9 7 2
 ♣ A K 8 6 4
 ♠ 7 4
 ♥ Q J 3
 ♦ A J 6 5
 ♣ Q 10 7 8
 ♠ A K 10 9 6 5
 ♥ K 8 4
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ J 2

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
 2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
 4♠ Pass Pass

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Against four spades West cashed his Ace-King of clubs, then shifted to the ten of diamonds. East quite properly let the ten ride and South, after winning with the King, proceeded to play out all six of his trumps. Each player now held four cards, and South had been careful to keep the Ace and one heart and the Queen and one diamond in dummy. The last trump lead had effectively squeezed East.

If East retained both his Ace-Jack of diamonds, he would have to discard a heart and all the outstanding hearts would then have to fall to Declarer's Ace and King. East therefore elected to blank his Ace of diamonds, whereupon Declarer simply played his remaining diamond and ducked in dummy. The Aces

Queen of diamonds of course then became established for the tenth trick.

We are quite curious to know how many of our readers would have made this hand.

You were Merwin Maier's partner on Saturday and held:

♠ A K x x
 ♥ A K x x
 ♦ x x x
 ♣ x x

The bidding:
 You Burnstine Maier Schenken
 1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
 (?)

ANSWER: Your correct rebid is four spades since, in accordance with the Rule of the Ace and the King, your hand is not strong enough to invite a Slam.

Score 100% for four spades, 60% for three notrump (in spite of the fact you have a four-card spade suit, you should really want to play the hand in spades, not notrump) 0 for four hearts (this bid would be a Slam try and is not warranted by your holding).

QUESTION NO. 97

David Bruce Burnstine is your partner. Neither side is vulnerable. You hold:

♠ A Q 4 3
 ♥ 7 5 4
 ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ 6 5 4

The bidding:
 Burnstine Jacoby You Schenken
 1♠ 1♥ 1♠ Pass
 3♠ 4♦ (?)

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Alleged Bulgarian Border Incident

Berlin, To-day.
A report is being circulated, credited to a Warsaw newspaper, alleging the shooting of Bulgarian peasants by Rumanian gendarmes.

The report alleges that the incident occurred in South Dobruja (area of a Bulgarian territorial claim) and that these peasants and three other Bulgarians were backed the gendarmes in whose crossing of the border.

The story goes that they attacked the gendarmes in whose charge they were being transported and attempted to escape, whereupon (it is stated) they were fired on. — *Trans-Ocean*.

FRENCH ARMY MISSION IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.
One hundred French reserve officers, headed by General Duffieux, member of the French Supreme War Council, are arriving in England to-day on a five-day visit to get a personal impression of British rearmament.

The French guests will be shown an aeroplane factory at Birmingham, while R.A.F. planes will be demonstrated to them at Southamp-

ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE DELAY

London, To-day.
The trans-Atlantic flyingboat service is not to be inaugurated on June 1, as scheduled, says an announcement by Imperial Airways last evening.

Delay in delivery of flyingboats, which had been unavoidable, had made it impossible for the Company to gather the necessary experience during the Winter and Summer months to begin regular traffic on the date originally envisaged. — *Trans-Ocean*.

M. BONNET'S TRIP TO ENGLAND

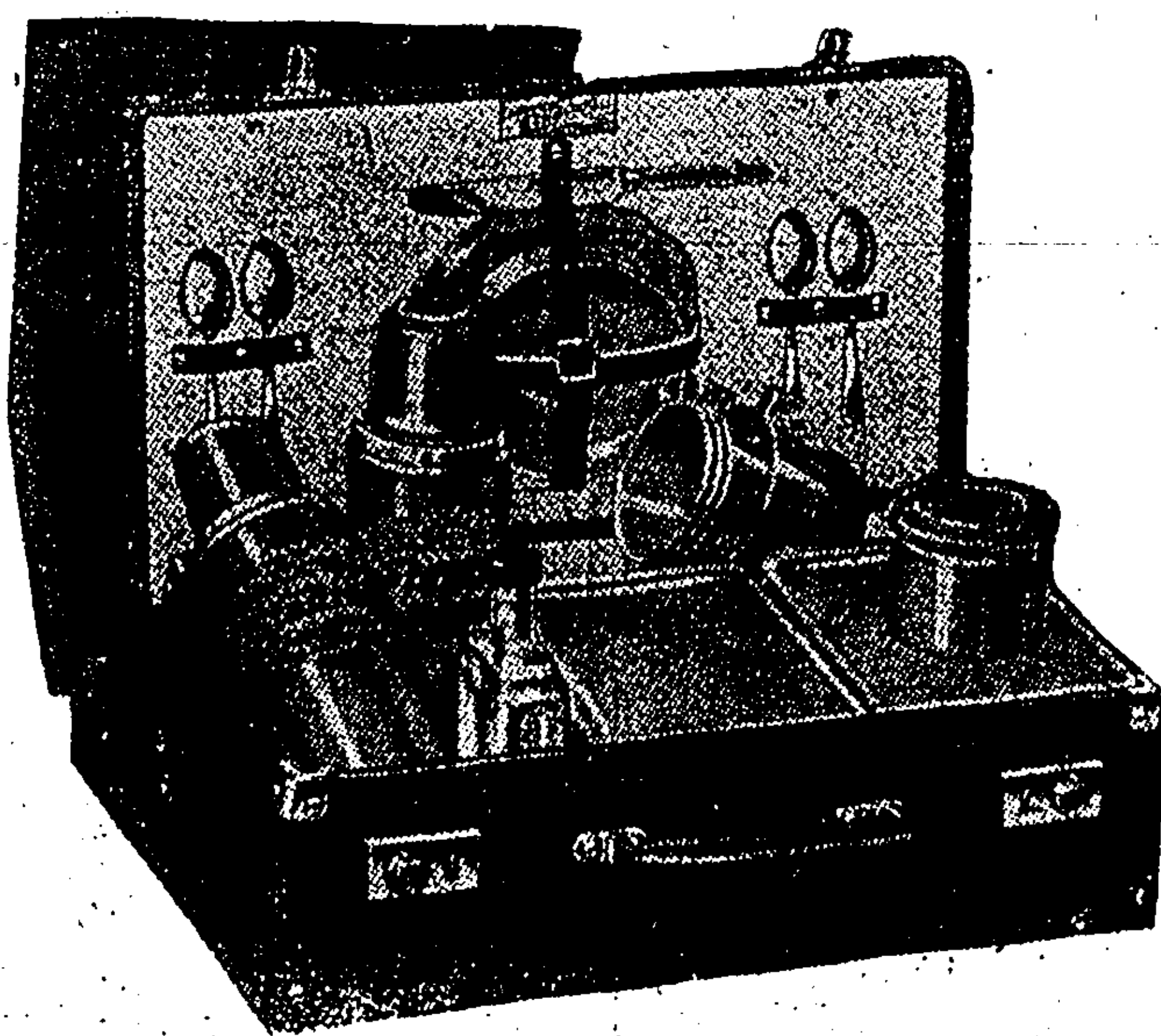
Paris, To-day.
The French Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, who is flying to Southampton on Saturday for a meeting of the English Chapter of the Alliance Française, may remain in England longer than originally intended.

Postponement of the League Council makes this possible.

Whether, however, he will meet Lord Halifax is uncertain, as the Foreign Secretary has completed his plans for the week-end. — *Trans-Ocean*.

ton, and at Portsmouth they will visit units of the Royal Navy. — *Trans-Ocean*.

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A.R.P. EXAM. RESULTS

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces the attached results of an examination for Air Raid Wardens' and Instructors' Certificates, and also that Mrs. N. K. Littlejohn, of 7 Leighton Hill, Hong Kong, has passed the Voluntary Aid Examination:

Air Raid Warden Instructors:—Miss K. M. Anderson, Mr. S. V. Boxer, B.Sc., Miss M. B. Hall, Mrs. C. Hellevick, Mrs. D. Hollands, Mr. W. E. Hollands, and Miss Elma Kelly, B.Sc.

Air Raid Wardens:—Mrs. B. M. Bond, and Mr. C. T. Chan.

DOGS ON BEACH

For allowing his dogs on the Repulse Bay beach on April 25, Mr. C. H. Sprague, of No. 1, Bungalow, Repulse Bay, was fined \$25 through a representative by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy.

Several other similar summons are pending and the public are warned against allowing their dogs on the beaches even though they may be muzzled or on lead.

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